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SA 3419. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3420. Mr. SESSIONS proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, *supra*.

SA 3421. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3420 proposed by Mr. SESSIONS to the amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, *supra*.

SA 3422. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3311 submitted by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 2454, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3423. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 submitted by Mr. KYL and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 2454, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3424. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2454, *supra*.

SA 3425. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3424 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2454, *supra*.

SA 3426. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3425 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the amendment SA 3424 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2454, *supra*.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 3312.** Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 252 of the amendment, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(13) AGREEMENT TO COLLECT PERCENTAGE OF WAGES TO OFFSET COST OF EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED TO UNINSURED H-2C NON-IMMIGRANTS.—The employer shall collect an amount equal to 1.45 percent of the wages paid by the employer to any H-2C non-immigrant and shall transmit such amount to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the H-2C Nonimmigrant Health Services Trust Fund established under section 404(c) of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine.

On page 266, after line 22, add the following:

(c) H-2C NONIMMIGRANT HEALTH SERVICES TRUST FUND.—

(1) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “H-2C Nonimmigrant Health Services Trust Fund”, consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to such Trust Fund as provided in this subsection or under rules similar to the rules of section 9602 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the H-2C Non-immigrant Health Services Trust Fund amounts equivalent to the amounts received by the Secretary of the Treasury as a result of the provisions of section 218B(b)(13) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(3) EXPENDITURES FROM TRUST FUND.—Amounts in the H-2C Nonimmigrant Health

Services Trust Fund shall be available only for making payments by the Secretary of Health and Human Services out of the State allotments established in accordance with paragraph (4) directly to eligible providers for the provision of eligible services to H-2C nonimmigrants to the extent that the eligible provider was not otherwise reimbursed (through insurance or otherwise) for such services, as determined by such Secretary. Such payments shall be made under rules similar to the rules for making payments to eligible providers under section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 1395dd).

(4) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—Not later than January 1 of each year, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish an allotment for each State equal to the product of—

(A) the total amount the Secretary of the Treasury notifies the Secretary of Health and Human Services was appropriated or credited to the H-2C Nonimmigrant Health Services Trust Fund during the preceding year; and

(B) the number of H-2C nonimmigrants employed in the State during such preceding year (as determined by the Secretary of Labor).

(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) ELIGIBLE PROVIDER; ELIGIBLE SERVICES.—The terms “eligible provider” and “eligible services” have the meanings given those terms in section 1011(e) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 1395dd).

(B) H-2C NONIMMIGRANT.—The term “H-2C nonimmigrant” has the meaning given that term in section 218A(n)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

**SA 3313.** Mr. FRIST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ NONCITIZEN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “subsection (a) and (d)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for provisions relating to revocation of citizenship under subsection (c), individuals who are not United States citizens shall not be denied the opportunity to apply for membership in the United States Armed Forces. Such individuals who become active duty members of the United States Armed Forces shall, consistent with subsections (a) through (e) and with the approval of their chain of command, be granted United States citizenship after performing at least 2 years of honorable and satisfactory service on active duty. Not later than 90 days after such requirements are met with respect to an individual, such individual shall be granted United States citizenship.

“(e) An alien described in subsection (d) shall be naturalized without regard to the requirements of title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) and any other requirements, processes, or procedures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, if the alien—

“(1) filed an application for naturalization in accordance with such procedures to carry out this section as may be established by

regulation by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of Defense;

“(2) demonstrates to his or her military chain of command, proficiency in the English language, good moral character, and knowledge of the Federal Government and United States history, consistent with the requirements contained in the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

“(3) takes the oath required under section 337 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1448 et seq.) and participates in an oath administration ceremony in accordance with such Act.”.

**SA 3314.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 477, after line 23, add the following:

#### Subtitle E—Farm Worker Transportation Safety

##### SEC. 651. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Farm Worker Transportation Safety Act”.

##### SEC. 652. SEATS AND SEAT BELTS FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.

(a) SEATS.—Except as provided in subsection (d), in promulgating vehicle safety standards under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) for the transportation of migrant and seasonal agricultural workers by farm labor contractors, agricultural employers or agricultural associations, the Secretary of Labor shall ensure that each occupant or rider in, or on, any vehicle subject to such standards is provided with a seat that is a designated seating position (as such term is defined for purposes of the Federal motor vehicle safety standards issued under chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code).

(b) SEAT BELTS.—Each seating position required under subsection (a) shall be equipped with an operational seat belt, except that this subsection shall not apply with respect to seating positions in buses that would otherwise not be required to have seat belts under the Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

##### (c) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall issue minimum performance requirements for the strength of seats and the attachment of seats and seat belts in vehicles that are converted, after being sold for purposes other than resale, for the purpose of transporting migrant or seasonal agricultural workers. The requirements shall provide a level of safety that is as close as practicable to the level of safety provided for in a vehicle that is manufactured or altered for the purpose of transporting such workers before being sold for purposes other than resale.

(2) EXPIRATION.—Effective on the date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act, any vehicle that is or has been converted for the purpose of transporting migrant or seasonal agricultural workers shall provide the same level of safety as a vehicle that is manufactured or altered for such purpose prior to being sold for purposes other than resale.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or modify the regulations contained in section 500.103, or the provision pertaining to transportation that is primarily on private roads in section 500.104(1), of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.



(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—The definitions contained in section 3 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1802) shall apply to this section.

(f) **COMPLIANCE DATE.**—Not later than 1 year after such date of enactment, all vehicles subject to this Act shall be in compliance with the requirements of this section.

**SA 3315.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 34, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

(c) **NORTHERN BORDER TRAINING FACILITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a northern border training facility at Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Minnesota, to carry out the training programs described in this subsection.

(2) **USE OF TRAINING FACILITY.**—The training facility established under paragraph (1) shall be used to conduct various supplemental and periodic training programs for border security personnel stationed along the northern international border between the United States and Canada.

(3) **TRAINING CURRICULUM.**—The Secretary shall design training curriculum to be offered at the training facility through multi-day training programs involving classroom and real-world applications, which shall include training in—

(A) a variety of disciplines relating to offensive and defensive skills for personnel and vehicle safety, including—

(i) firearms and weapons;

(ii) self defense;

(iii) search and seizure;

(iv) defensive and high speed driving;

(v) mobility training;

(vi) the use of all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, aircraft and snowmobiles; and

(vii) safety issues related to biological and chemical hazards;

(B) technology upgrades and integration; and

(C) matters relating directly to terrorist threats and issues, including—

(i) profiling;

(ii) changing tactics;

(iii) language;

(iv) culture; and

(v) communications.

(4) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

**SA 3316.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike lines 2 through 9, and insert the following:

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall—

(1) procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration; and

(2) acquire and utilize real time, high-resolution, multi-spectral, precisely-rectified

digital aerial imagery to detect physical changes and patterns in the landscape along the northern or southern international border of the United States to identify uncommon passage ways used by aliens to illegally enter the United States.

**SA 3317.** Mr. FRIST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ STUDIES AND REPORTS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM MEXICO.**

(a) **STUDIES.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and once every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall conduct a study—

(1) to identify the geographic areas in Mexico from which—

(A) large numbers of residents are leaving to enter the United States in violation of Federal immigration law; and

(B) large percentages of the population of such areas are leaving to enter the United States in violation of Federal immigration law; and

(2) to analyze the social, political, and economic conditions in the geographic areas identified under paragraph (1) that contribute to illegal immigration into the United States.

(b) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 16 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress a report that—

(1) describes the results of the study conducted under subsection (a); and

(2) provides recommendations on how the Government of the United States can improve the conditions described in subsection (a)(2).

(c) **IMMIGRATION IMPACT FOCUS AREAS.**—

(1) **DESIGNATION.**—Based on the results of each study conducted under subsection (a) and subject to paragraph (2), the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary, and appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, shall designate not more than 4 geographic areas within Mexico as Immigration Impact Focus Areas.

(2) **POPULATION LIMITS.**—An area may not be designated as an Immigration Impact Focus Area under paragraph (1) unless the population of such area is—

(A) not less than 0.5 percent of the total population of Mexico; and

(B) not more than 5.0 percent of the total population of Mexico.

(d) **DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN.**—The Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall develop a plan to concentrate, to the extent practicable, economic development and humanitarian assistance provided to Mexico in the Immigration Impact Focus Areas designated under subsection (c)(1).

**SA 3318.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 51, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

**SEC. 13. SCREENING OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **BUREAU.**—The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

(2) **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.**—The term “commercial motor vehicle” has the meaning given the term in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code.

(3) **COMMISSIONER.**—The term “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Bureau.

(4) **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.**—The term “municipal solid waste” includes sludge (as defined in section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6903)).

(b) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner shall submit to Congress a report that—

(1) indicates whether the methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau to screen for and detect the presence of chemical, nuclear, biological, and radiological weapons in municipal solid waste are as effective as the methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau to screen for those materials in other items of commerce entering the United States through commercial motor vehicle transport; and

(2) if the report indicates that the methodologies and technologies used to screen municipal solid waste are less effective than those used to screen other items of commerce, identifies the actions that the Bureau will take to achieve the same level of effectiveness in the screening of municipal solid waste, including actions necessary to meet the need for additional screening technologies.

(c) **IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**—If the Commissioner fails to fully implement an action identified under subsection (b)(2) before the earlier of the date that is 180 days after the date on which the report under subsection (b) is required to be submitted or the date that is 180 days after the date on which the report is submitted, the Secretary shall deny entry into the United States of any commercial motor vehicle carrying municipal solid waste until the Secretary certifies to Congress that the methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau to screen for and detect the presence of chemical, nuclear, biological, and radiological weapons in municipal solid waste are as effective as the methodologies and technologies used by the Bureau to screen for those materials in other items of commerce entering into the United States through commercial motor vehicle transport.

**SA 3319.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the following:

(a) **DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF ASYLUM.**—Section 208 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)(v), by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) **CHANGED COUNTRY CONDITIONS.**—An alien seeking asylum based on persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution shall not be denied asylum based on changed country conditions unless fundamental and lasting changes have stabilized the country of the alien’s nationality.”; and



(2) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking “a fundamental change in circumstances” and inserting “fundamental and lasting changes that have stabilized the country of the alien’s nationality”.

**SA 3320.** Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title III and insert the following:

**TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

**SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—A rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding that an employer knowingly violated paragraph (1)(A) if the Secretary determines that—

“(A) the employer hired 50 or more new employees during a calendar year and that at least 10 percent of new employees hired in the calendar year by the employer were unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) the employer hired less than 50 new employees during a calendar year and that 5 new employees hired by the employer in the calendar year were unauthorized aliens.

“(5) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable

cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific recordkeeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of a document if the document examined reasonably appears on its face to be genuine. If an individual provides a document (or combination of documents) that reasonably appears on its face to be genuine and that is sufficient to meet the requirement of clause (i), nothing in this paragraph may be construed as requiring the employer to solicit the production of any other document or as requiring the individual to produce such another document.

“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual’s—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual’s—

“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual’s—

“(i) driver’s license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States provided that such a card or document—

“(I) contains the individual’s photograph or information, including the individual’s name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make such license or card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, or fraudulent use;

“(ii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual’s photograph or information, including the individual’s name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iii) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i) or (ii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—



“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited, or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of recruiting or referral for a fee of an individual, 3 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 3 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date of the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(C) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or

indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System, tentatively confirm or nonconfirm an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States not later than 1 working day after an employer submits an inquiry regarding the individual.

“(ii) MANUAL VERIFICATION.—If a tentative nonconfirmation is provided for an individual under clause (i), the Secretary, through the System, shall conduct a secondary manual verification not later than 9 working days after such tentative nonconfirmation is made.

“(iii) NOTICES.—Not later than 10 working days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(I) if the System is able to confirm, through a verification described in clause (i) or (ii), the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, an appropriate code indicating such confirmation; or

“(II) if the System is unable to confirm, through a verification described in clause (i) or (ii), the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, an appropriate code indicating such tentative nonconfirmation.

“(iv) DEFAULT CONFIRMATION IN CASE OF SYSTEM FAILURE.—If the Secretary, through the System, fails to provide a notice described in clause (iii) for an individual within the period described in such clause, an appropriate code indicating confirmation shall be provided to the employer. Such confirmation shall remain in effect for the individual until the Secretary, through the System, provides a notice that—

“(I) the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity; or

“(II) the individual is ineligible for employment in the United States.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(iii)(II), not later than 10 working days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue to the employer an appropriate code indicating final confirmation or final nonconfirmation.

“(ii) DEFAULT CONFIRMATION IN CASE OF SYSTEM FAILURE.—If the Secretary, through the System, fails to confirm or tentatively nonconfirm the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States within the period described in clause (i), an

appropriate code indicating confirmation shall be provided to the employer. Such confirmation shall remain in effect for the individual until the Secretary, through the System, provides a notice that—

“(I) the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity; or

“(II) the individual is ineligible for employment in the United States.

“(iii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) RIGHT TO APPEAL FINAL NONCONFIRMATION.—The individual shall have the right to an administrative or judicial appeal of a notice of final nonconfirmation. The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a process for such appeals.

“(E) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information during use, transmission, storage, or disposal of that information, including the use of encryption, carrying out periodic stress testing of the System to detect, prevent, and respond to vulnerabilities or other failures, and utilizing periodic security updates;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability;

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status; and

“(vii) to permit individuals—

“(I) to view their own records in order to ensure the accuracy of such records; and

“(II) to contact the appropriate agency to correct any errors through an expedited process established by the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the Commissioner of Social Security.

“(F) LIMITATION ON DATA ELEMENTS STORED.—The System and any databases created by the Commissioner of Social Security or the Secretary to achieve confirmation, tentative nonconfirmation, or final nonconfirmation under the System shall store only the minimum data about each individual for whom an inquiry was made to facilitate the successful operation of the System, and in no case shall the data stored be other than—

“(i) the individual's full legal name;

“(ii) the individual's date of birth;

“(iii) the individual's social security account number, or employment authorization status identification number;

“(iv) the address of the employer making the inquiry and the dates of any prior inquiries concerning the identity and authorization of the employee by the employer or any other employer and the address of such employer;

“(v) a record of each prior confirmation, tentative nonconfirmation, or final nonconfirmation made by the System for such individual; and



“(vi) in the case of the individual successfully contesting a prior tentative nonconfirmation, explanatory information concerning the successful resolution of any erroneous data or confusion regarding the identity or eligibility for employment of the individual, including the source of that error.

“(G) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) determination of the citizenship status associated with such name and social security account number, according to the records maintained by the Commissioner; and

“(iii) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(H) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(I) OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish the Office of Electronic Verification in the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“(ii) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Subject to available appropriations, the Office of Electronic Verification shall work with the Commissioner of Social Security—

“(I) to update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy;

“(II) to provide a process for correcting erroneous information by registering not less than 97 percent of the new information and information changes submitted by employees within all relevant databases within 24 hours after submission and registering not less than 99 percent of such information within 10 working days after submission;

“(III) to ensure that at least 99 percent of the data received from field offices of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and from other points of contact between immigrants and the Department of Homeland Security is registered within all relevant databases within 24 hours after receipt;

“(IV) to ensure that at least 99 percent of the data received from field offices of the Social Security Administration and other points of contact between citizens and the Social Security Administration is registered within all relevant databases within 24 hours after receipt;

“(V) to employ a sufficient number of manual status verifiers to resolve 99 percent of the tentative nonconfirmations within 3 days;

“(VI) to establish and promote call-in help lines accessible to employers and employees

on a 24-hour basis with questions about the functioning of the System or about the specific issues underlying a tentative nonconfirmation;

“(VII) to establish an outreach and education program to ensure that all new employers are fully informed of their responsibilities under the System; and

“(VIII) to conduct a random audit of a substantial percentage of workers' files in a database maintained by an agency or department of the United States each year to determine accuracy rates and require corrections of errors in a timely manner.

“(J) RIGHT TO REVIEW SYSTEM INFORMATION AND APPEAL ERRONEOUS NONCONFIRMATIONS.—Any individual who contests a tentative nonconfirmation or final nonconfirmation may review and challenge the accuracy of the data elements and information within the System upon, which such a nonconfirmation was based. Such a challenge may include the ability to submit additional information or appeal any final nonconfirmation to the Office of Electronic Verification. The Office of Electronic Verification shall review any such information submitted pursuant to such a challenge and issue a response and decision concerning the appeal within 7 days of the filing of such a challenge. The Office of Electronic Verification shall at least annually study and issue findings concerning the most common causes for erroneous nonconfirmations and issue recommendations concerning the resolution of such causes.

“(K) PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall each complete a privacy impact assessment as described in section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347; 44 U.S.C. 3501 note) with regard to the System.

“(L) TRAINING.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall provide appropriate training materials to participating employers to ensure such employers are able to utilize the System in compliance with the requirements of this section.

“(M) HOTLINE.—The Secretary shall establish a fully staffed 24-hour hotline to receive inquiries by employees concerning tentative nonconfirmations and final nonconfirmations and shall identify for employees, at the time of inquiry, the particular data that resulted on the issuance of a nonconfirmation notice under the System.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—

“(I) DESIGNATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall designate, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, an employer or class of employers under this subclause if the Secretary determines such employer or class of employers is part of the critical infrastructure of the United States or directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(II) PARTICIPATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date an employer or class of employers is designated under subclause (I), the Secretary shall require such employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer on or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—

“(I) DESIGNATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may designate, in the

Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, an employer or class of employers under this subclause if the Secretary determines such employer or class of employers as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(II) PARTICIPATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date an employer or class of employers is designated under subclause (I), the Secretary may require such employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired on or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 5,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MIDSIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 1,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers with 250 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis.

“(5) WAIVER.—

“(A) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(B) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A WAIVER.—The Secretary shall waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers until the date that the Comptroller General of the United States submits the initial certification described in paragraph (13)(E) and shall waive or delay such participation during a year if the Comptroller General fails to submit a certification of paragraph (13)(E) for such year.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—



“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) notify employees of the employer and prospective employees to whom the employer has extended a job offer that the employer participates in the System and that the System may be used for immigration enforcement purposes;

“(ii) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual’s social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require;

“(iii) retain such form in electronic format, paper, microfilm, or microfiche and make such a form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3); and

“(iv) safeguard any information collected for purposes of the System and protect any means of access to such information to ensure that such information is not used for any other purpose and to protect the confidentiality of such information, including ensuring that such information is not provided to any person other than a person that carries out the employer’s responsibilities under this subsection.

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be).

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and shall provide the individual with information about the right to contest the tentative nonconfirmation and contact information for the appropriate agency to file such contest.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice. An individual’s failure to contest a tentative nonconfirmation may not be the basis for determining that the individual acted in a knowing (as defined in section 274a.1 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, or any corresponding similar regulation) manner.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under

subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 working days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under subclause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such a failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(ii) ASSISTANCE IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—If an employer has received a final nonconfirmation which is not the result of the individual’s failure to contest a tentative nonconfirmation in subparagraph (C)(ii)(II), the employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws.

“(E) UNLAWFUL USE OF SYSTEM.—It shall be an unlawful immigration-related employment practice for an employer—

“(i) to use the System prior to an offer of employment;

“(ii) to use the System selectively to exclude certain individuals from consideration for employment as a result of a perceived likelihood that additional verification will be required, beyond what is required for most applicants;

“(iii) to terminate or undertake any adverse employment action based on a tentative nonconfirmation described in paragraph (2)(B)(iii)(II); or

“(iv) to reverify the employment authorization of hire employees after the 3 days of the employee’s hire and after the employee has satisfied the eligibility verification provisions of subsection (b)(1) or to reverify employees hired before the date that the person or entity is required to participate in the System.

“(F) PROHIBITION OF UNLAWFUL ACCESSING AND OBTAINING OF INFORMATION.—

“(i) IMPROPER ACCESS.—It shall be unlawful for any individual, other than the government employees authorized in this subsection, to intentionally and knowingly access the System or the databases utilized to verify identity or employment authorization for the System for any purpose other than verifying identity or employment authorization or modifying the System pursuant to

law or regulation. Any individual who unlawfully accesses the System or the databases or shall be fined no less than \$1,000 for each individual whose file was compromised or sentenced to less than 6 months imprisonment for each individual whose file was compromised.

“(ii) IDENTITY THEFT.—It shall be unlawful for any individual, other than the government employees authorized in this subsection, to intentionally and knowingly obtain the information concerning an individual stored in the System or the databases utilized to verify identity or employment authorization for the System for any purpose other than verifying identity or employment authorization or modifying the System pursuant to law or regulation. Any individual who unlawfully obtains such information and uses it to commit identity theft for financial gain or to evade security or to assist another in gaining financially or evading security, shall be fined no less than \$10,000 for each individual whose information was obtained and misappropriated sentenced to not less than 1 year of imprisonment for each individual whose information was obtained and misappropriated.

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) ACCESS TO DATABASE.—No officer or employee of any agency or department of the United States, other than such an officer or employee who is responsible for the verification of employment eligibility or for the evaluation of an employment eligibility verification program at the Social Security Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Labor, may have access to any information, database, or other records utilized by the System.

“(11) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(13) ANNUAL STUDY AND REPORT.—

“(A) REQUIREMENT FOR STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an annual study of the System as described in this paragraph.

“(B) PURPOSE OF THE STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall, for each year, undertake a study to determine whether the System meets the following requirements:

“(i) DEMONSTRATED ACCURACY OF THE DATABASES.—New information and information changes submitted by employees to the System is updated in all of the relevant databases within 3 working days of submission in at least 99 percent of all cases.



“(ii) LOW ERROR RATES AND DELAYS IN VERIFICATION.—

“(I) That, during a year, the System provides incorrect tentative nonconfirmation notices under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for no more than 1 percent of all such notices sent during such year.

“(II) That, during a year, the System provides incorrect final nonconfirmation notices under paragraph (2)(C)(i) for no more than 3 percent of all such notices sent during such year.

“(III) That the number of incorrect tentative nonconfirmation notices under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) provided by the System during a year for individuals who are not citizens of the United States is not more than 300 percent more than the number of such incorrect notices sent to citizens of the United States during such year.

“(IV) That the number of final nonconfirmation notices under paragraph (2)(C)(i) provided by the System during a year for individuals who are not citizens of the United States is not more than 300 percent more than the number of such incorrect notices sent to citizens of the United States during such year.

“(iii) LIMITED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS TO EMPLOYERS.—No employer is required to spend more than \$10 to verify the identity and employment eligibility of an individual through the system in any year, including the costs of all staff, training, materials, or other related costs of participation in the System.

“(iv) MEASURABLE EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE WITH SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(I) The System has not and will not result in increased discrimination or cause reasonable employers to conclude that employees of certain races or ethnicities are more likely to have difficulties when offered employment caused by the operation of the System.

“(II) The determination described in subsection (I) is based on an independent study commissioned by the Comptroller General in each phase of expansion of the System that includes the use of testers.

“(v) PROTECTION OF WORKERS’ PRIVATE INFORMATION.—At least 97 percent of employers who participate in the System are in full compliance with the privacy requirements described in this subsection.

“(vi) ADEQUATE AGENCY STAFFING AND FUNDING.—The Secretary and Commissioner of Social Security have sufficient funding to meet all of the deadlines and requirements of this subsection.

“(C) CONSULTATION.—In conducting a study under this paragraph, the Comptroller General shall consult with representatives from business, labor, immigrant communities, State governments, privacy advocates, and appropriate executive branch agencies.

“(D) REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Secretary and to Congress a report containing the findings of the study carried out under this paragraph. Each report shall include any certification made under subparagraph (E) and, at a minimum, the following:

“(i) An assessment of the impact of the System on the employment of unauthorized workers, including whether it has indirectly caused an increase in exploitation of unauthorized workers.

“(ii) An assessment of the accuracy of databases employed by the System and of the timeliness and accuracy of the System’s responses to employers.

“(iii) An assessment of the privacy and confidentiality of the System and of its overall security with respect to cyber theft and theft or misuse of private data.

“(iv) An assessment of whether the System is being implemented in a nondiscriminatory and non-retaliatory manner.

“(v) Recommendations regarding whether or not the System should be modified prior to further expansion.

“(E) CERTIFICATION.—If the Comptroller General determines that the System meets the requirements described in subparagraph (B) for a year, the Comptroller shall certify such determination and submit such certification to Congress with the report required by subparagraph (D).

“(14) SUNSET PROVISION.—Mandatory participation in the System shall be discontinued 6 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 unless Congress reauthorizes such participation.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary’s intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the

Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time during the 2-year period preceding the violation under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time during the 2-year period preceding the violation under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORDKEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b), (c), or (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time during the 2-year period preceding the violation under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time during the 2-year period preceding the violation under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary



may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in any appropriate district court of the United States for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until the appeal process is completed. The burden shall be on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination, no earlier than 46 days, but no later than 90 days, after the date the final determination is issued, in any appropriate district court of the United States. The burden shall remain on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

“(7) RECOVERY OF COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES.—In any appeal brought under paragraph (5) by an employer or suit brought under paragraph (6) against an employer, the employer shall be entitled to recover from the Department of Homeland Security reasonable costs and attorneys' fees if such employer substantially prevails on the merits of the case. An award of such attorneys' fees may not exceed \$25,000. Any costs and attorneys' fees assessed against the Department of Homeland Security under this paragraph shall be charged against the operating expenses of the Department for the fiscal year in which the assessment is made, and shall not be reimbursed from any other source.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or tem-

porary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—

“(1) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$2,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, the deposit of such amounts as miscellaneous receipts in the general fund.

“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer may be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, may be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) WAIVER.—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by

the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) SUSPENSION.—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—

“(1) DOCUMENTATION.—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) PREEMPTION.—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law imposing civil or criminal sanctions upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens.

“(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—Sections 218(i)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1188(i)(1)), 245(c)(8) (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)(8)), 274(a)(3)(B)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)(3)(B)(i)), and 274B(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)(1)) are amended by striking “274A(h)(3)” and inserting “274A”.

(2) DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Section 274B (8 U.S.C. 1324b) is amended—

(A) in subsections (a)(6) and (g)(2)(B), by striking “274A(b)” and inserting “274A(d)”; and

(B) in subsection (g)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “274A(b)(5)” and inserting “274A(d)”.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commissioner of Social Security for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Commission under section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by subsection (a).

(2) SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated to



the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by section 301(a).

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 302. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.**

(a) **WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.**—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324 and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **FRAUD DETECTION.**—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigration fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### **SEC. 303. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.**

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

#### **SEC. 304. ANTIDISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS.**

(a) **APPLICATION OF PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION TO VERIFICATION SYSTEM.**—Section 274B(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “, the verification of the individual’s work authorization through the Electronic Employment Verification System described in section 274A(d),” after “the individual for employment”.

(b) **CLASSES OF ALIENS AS PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS.**—Section 274B(a)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)(3)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

“(B) is an alien who is—

“(i) lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(ii) granted the status of an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under section 210(a) or 245(a)(1);

“(iii) admitted as a refugee under section 207;

“(iv) granted asylum under section 208;

“(v) granted the status of a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c);

“(vi) granted temporary protected status under section 244; or

“(vii) granted parole under section 212(d)(5).”

(c) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION.**—Section 274B(a) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) **ANTIDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.**—It is an unfair immigration-related employment practice for a person or other entity, in the course of the electronic verification process described in section 274A(d)—

“(A) to terminate or undertake any adverse employment action due to a tentative nonconfirmation;

“(B) to use the verification system for screening of an applicant prior to an offer of employment;

“(C) except as described in section 274A(d)(4)(B), to use the verification system for a current employee after the first 3 days

of employment, or for the reverification of an employee after the employee has satisfied the process described in section 274A(b).”

(d) **INCREASE IN CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES.**—Section 274B(g)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(g)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(iv)—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “\$250 and not more than \$2,000” and inserting “\$1,000 and not more than \$4,000”;

(B) in subclause (II), by striking “\$2,000 and not more than \$5,000” and inserting “\$4,000 and not more than \$10,000”;

(C) in subclause (III), by striking “\$3,000 and not more than \$10,000” and inserting “\$6,000 and not more than \$20,000”; and

(D) in subclause (IV), by striking “\$100 and not more than \$1,000” and inserting “\$500 and not more than \$5,000”.

(e) **INCREASED FUNDING OF INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.**—Section 274B(1)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(1)(3)) is amended by inserting “and an additional \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009” before the period at the end.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to violations occurring on or after such date.

**SA 3321.** Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title IV and insert the following:

#### **TITLE IV—NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA REFORM**

##### **Subtitle A—Temporary Guest Workers**

#### **SEC. 401. IMMIGRATION IMPACT STUDY.**

(a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Any regulation that would increase the number of aliens who are eligible for legal status may not take effect before 90 days after the date on which the Director of the Bureau of the Census submits a report to Congress under subsection (c).

(b) **STUDY.**—The Director of the Bureau of the Census, jointly with the Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall undertake a study examining the impacts of the current and proposed annual grants of legal status, including immigrant and non-immigrant status, along with the current level of illegal immigration, on the infrastructure of and quality of life in the United States.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of the Census shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study required by subsection (b), including the following information:

(1) An estimate of the total legal and illegal immigrant populations of the United States, as they relate to the total population.

(2) The projected impact of legal and illegal immigration on the size of the population of the United States over the next 50 years, which regions of the country are likely to experience the largest increases, which small towns and rural counties are likely to lose their character as a result of such growth, and how the proposed regulations would affect these projections.

(3) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the natural environment, including the consumption of non-renewable resources, waste production and disposal, the emission of pollutants, and the loss of habitat and productive farmland, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current standards in each of these areas, the degree to which current standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effects the proposed regulations would have.

(4) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on employment and wage rates, particularly in industries such as agriculture and services in which the foreign born are concentrated, an estimate of the associated public costs, and the additional effects the proposed regulations would have.

(5) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the need for additions and improvements to the transportation infrastructure of the United States, an estimate of the public expenditures required to meet this need, the impact on Americans’ mobility if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(6) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on enrollment, class size, teacher-student ratios, and the quality of education in public schools, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(7) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on home ownership rates, housing prices, and the demand for low-income and subsidized housing, the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards in these areas, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(8) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on access to quality health care and on the cost of health care and health insurance, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(9) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the criminal justice system in the United States, an estimate of the associated public costs, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

#### **SEC. 402. NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY WORKER.**

(a) **TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.**—Section 101(a)(15)(H) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)) is amended to read as follows:

“(H) an alien—

“(i)(b) subject to section 212(j)(2)—

“(aa) who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform services (other than services described in clause (ii)(a) or subparagraph (O) or (P)) in a specialty occupation described in section 214(i)(1) or as a fashion model;

“(bb) who meets the requirements for the occupation specified in section 214(i)(2) or, in the case of a fashion model, is of distinguished merit and ability; and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the intending employer has filed an application with the Secretary in accordance with section 212(n)(1);



“(b1)(aa) who is entitled to enter the United States under the provisions of an agreement listed in section 214(g)(8)(A);

“(bb) who is engaged in a specialty occupation described in section 214(i)(3); and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State that the intending employer has filed an attestation with the Secretary of Labor in accordance with section 212(t)(1); or

“(c)(aa) who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform services as a registered nurse;

“(bb) who meets the qualifications described in section 212(m)(1); and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security that an unexpired attestation is on file and in effect under section 212(m)(2) for the facility (as defined in section 212(m)(6)) for which the alien will perform the services; or

“(ii)(a) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform agricultural labor or services (as defined by the Secretary of Labor), including agricultural labor (as defined in section 3121(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), agriculture (as defined in section 3(f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(f))), and the pressing of apples for cider on a farm, of a temporary or seasonal nature;

“(b) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning;

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform nonagricultural work or services of a temporary or seasonal nature (if unemployed persons capable of performing such work or services cannot be found in the United States), excluding medical school graduates coming to the United States to perform services as members of the medical profession; or

“(c) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning;

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform temporary labor or services other than the labor or services described in clause (i)(b), (i)(c), (ii)(a), or (iii), or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R) (if unemployed persons capable of performing such labor or services cannot be found in the United States); and

“(cc) meets the requirements of section 218A, including the filing of a petition under such section on behalf of the alien;

“(iii) who—

“(a) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(b) is coming temporarily to the United States as a trainee (other than to receive graduate medical education or training) in a training program that is not designed primarily to provide productive employment; or

“(iv) who—

“(a) is the spouse or a minor child of an alien described in clause (iii); and

“(b) is accompanying or following to join such alien.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date which is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to aliens, who, on such effective date, are outside of the United States.

#### SEC. 403. ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS.

(a) **TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 2 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218 the following:

#### “SEC. 218A. ADMISSION OF H-2C NON-IMMIGRANTS.

“(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of State may grant a temporary visa to an H-2C nonimmigrant who demonstrates an intent to perform labor or services in the United States (other than the labor or services described in clause (i)(b) or (ii)(a) of section 101(a)(15)(H) or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R)) of section 101(a)(15).

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.**—An alien shall be eligible for H-2C nonimmigrant status if the alien meets the following requirements:

“(1) **ELIGIBILITY TO WORK.**—The alien shall establish that the alien is capable of performing the labor or services required for an occupation under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(2) **EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.**—The alien shall establish that the alien has received a job offer from an employer who has complied with the requirements of 218B.

“(3) **FEE.**—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

“(4) **MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**—The alien shall undergo a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status), at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(5) **APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.**—

“(A) **APPLICATION FORM.**—The alien shall submit to the Secretary a completed application, on a form designed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, including proof of evidence of the requirements under paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(B) **CONTENT.**—In addition to any other information that the Secretary requires to determine an alien's eligibility for H-2C nonimmigrant status, the Secretary shall require an alien to provide information concerning the alien's—

“(i) physical and mental health;

“(ii) criminal history and gang membership;

“(iii) immigration history; and

“(iv) involvement with groups or individuals that have engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States Government.

“(C) **KNOWLEDGE.**—The alien shall include with the application submitted under this paragraph a signed certification in which the alien certifies that—

“(i) the alien has read and understands all of the questions and statements on the application form;

“(ii) the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct; and

“(iii) the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(c) **GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In determining an alien's admissibility as an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(A) paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (7), (9)(B), and (9)(C) of section 212(a) may be waived for conduct that occurred before the effective date of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006;

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security may not waive the application of—

“(i) subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (H), or (I) of section 212(a)(2) (relating to criminals);

“(ii) section 212(a)(3) (relating to security and related grounds); or

“(iii) subparagraph (A), (C) or (D) of section 212(a)(10) (relating to polygamists and child abductors); and

“(C) for conduct that occurred before the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive the application of any provision of section 212(a) not listed in subparagraph (B) on behalf of an individual alien—

“(i) for humanitarian purposes;

“(ii) to ensure family unity; or

“(iii) if such a waiver is otherwise in the public interest.

“(2) **RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIONS.**—An alien seeking renewal of authorized admission or subsequent admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant shall establish that the alien is not inadmissible under section 212(a).

“(d) **BACKGROUND CHECKS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not admit, and the Secretary of State shall not issue a visa to, an alien seeking H-2C nonimmigrant status unless all appropriate background checks have been completed.

“(e) **INELIGIBLE TO CHANGE NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.**—An H-2C nonimmigrant may not change nonimmigrant classification under section 248.

“(f) **PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.**—

“(1) **AUTHORIZED PERIOD AND RENEWAL.**—The initial period of authorized admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant shall be 3 years, and the alien may seek 1 extension for an additional 3-year period.

“(2) **INTERNATIONAL COMMUTERS.**—An alien who resides outside the United States and commutes into the United States to work as an H-2C nonimmigrant, is not subject to the time limitations under paragraph (1).

“(3) **LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (c), the period of authorized admission of an H-2C nonimmigrant shall terminate if the alien is unemployed for 60 or more consecutive days.

“(B) **RETURN TO FOREIGN RESIDENCE.**—Any alien whose period of authorized admission terminates under subparagraph (A) shall be required to leave the United States.

“(C) **PERIOD OF VISA VALIDITY.**—Any alien, whose period of authorized admission terminates under subparagraph (A), who leaves the United States under subparagraph (B), may reenter the United States as an H-2C nonimmigrant to work for an employer, if the alien has complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (f)(2). The Secretary may, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, reauthorize such alien for admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(4) **VISITS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(i) may travel outside of the United States; and

“(ii) may be readmitted without having to obtain a new visa if the period of authorized admission has not expired.

“(B) **EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.**—Time spent outside the United States under subparagraph (A) shall not extend the period of authorized admission in the United States.

“(5) **BAR TO EXTENSION OR ADMISSION.**—An alien may not be granted H-2C nonimmigrant status, or an extension of such status, if—



“(A) the alien has violated any material term or condition of such status granted previously, including failure to comply with the change of address reporting requirements under section 265;

“(B) the alien is inadmissible as a non-immigrant; or

“(C) the granting of such status or extension of such status would allow the alien to exceed 6 years as an H-2C nonimmigrant, unless the alien has resided and been physically present outside the United States for at least 1 year after the expiration of such H-2C nonimmigrant status.

“(g) EVIDENCE OF NONIMMIGRANT STATUS.—Each H-2C nonimmigrant shall be issued documentary evidence of nonimmigrant status, which—

“(1) shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and allow for biometric authentication;

“(2) shall be designed in consultation with the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

“(3) shall, during the alien's authorized period of admission under subsection (f), serve as a valid entry document for the purpose of applying for admission to the United States—

“(A) instead of a passport and visa if the alien—

“(i) is a national of a foreign territory contiguous to the United States; and

“(ii) is applying for admission at a land border port of entry; and

“(B) in conjunction with a valid passport, if the alien is applying for admission at an air or sea port of entry;

“(4) may be accepted during the period of its validity by an employer as evidence of employment authorization and identity under section 274A(b)(1)(B); and

“(5) shall be issued to the H-2C nonimmigrant by the Secretary of Homeland Security promptly after the final adjudication of such alien's application for H-2C nonimmigrant status.

“(h) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an H-2C nonimmigrant fails to depart the United States before the date which is 10 days after the date that the alien's authorized period of admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant terminates, the H-2C nonimmigrant may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law, except for relief under sections 208 and 241(b)(3) and relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, for an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(i) PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OR OVERSTAY.—Any alien who enters, attempts to enter, or crosses the border after the date of the enactment of this section, and is physically present in the United States after such date in violation of this Act or of any other Federal law, may not receive, for a period of 10 years—

“(1) any relief under sections 240A and 240B; or

“(2) nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15).

“(j) PORTABILITY.—A nonimmigrant alien described in this section, who was previously issued a visa or otherwise provided H-2C nonimmigrant status, may accept a new offer of employment with a subsequent employer, if—

“(1) the employer complies with section 218B; and

“(2) the alien, after lawful admission to the United States, did not work without authorization.

“(k) CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—An H-2C nonimmigrant shall comply with the change of

address reporting requirements under section 265 through either electronic or paper notification.

“(1) COLLECTION OF FEES.—All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(c).

“(m) ISSUANCE OF H-4 NONIMMIGRANT VISAS FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The alien spouse and children of an H-2C nonimmigrant (referred to in this section as ‘dependent aliens’) who are accompanying or following to join the H-2C nonimmigrant may be issued nonimmigrant visas under section 101(a)(15)(H)(iv).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.—A dependent alien is eligible for nonimmigrant status under 101(a)(15)(H)(iv) if the dependant alien meets the following requirements:

“(A) ELIGIBILITY.—The dependent alien is admissible as a nonimmigrant and does not fall within a class of aliens ineligible for H-4A nonimmigrant status listed under subsection (c).

“(B) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—Before a nonimmigrant visa is issued to a dependent alien under this subsection, the dependent alien may be required to submit to a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(C) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—Before a nonimmigrant visa is issued to a dependent alien under this section, the consular officer shall conduct such background checks as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, considers appropriate.

“(n) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and sections 218B, 218C, and 218D:

“(1) AGGRIEVED PERSON.—The term ‘aggrieved person’ means a person adversely affected by an alleged violation of this section, including—

“(A) a worker whose job, wages, or working conditions are adversely affected by the violation; and

“(B) a representative for workers whose jobs, wages, or working conditions are adversely affected by the violation who brings a complaint on behalf of such worker.

“(2) AREA OF EMPLOYMENT.—The terms ‘area of employment’ and ‘area of intended employment’ mean the area within normal commuting distance of the worksite or physical location at which the work of the temporary worker is or will be performed. If such worksite or location is within a Metropolitan Statistical Area, any place within such area is deemed to be within the area of employment.

“(3) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect to employment, an individual who is not an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A) with respect to that employment.

“(4) EMPLOY; EMPLOYEE; EMPLOYER.—The terms ‘employ’, ‘employee’, and ‘employer’ have the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

“(5) FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTOR.—The term ‘foreign labor contractor’ means any person who for any compensation or other valuable consideration paid or promised to be paid, performs any foreign labor contracting activity.

“(6) FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTING ACTIVITY.—The term ‘foreign labor contracting activity’ means recruiting, soliciting, hiring, employing, or furnishing, an individual who resides outside of the United States for employment in the United States as a nonimmigrant alien described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(7) H-2C NONIMMIGRANT.—The term ‘H-2C nonimmigrant’ means a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(8) SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘separation from employment’ means the worker's loss of employment, other than through a discharge for inadequate performance, violation of workplace rules, cause, voluntary departure, voluntary retirement, or the expiration of a grant or contract. The term does not include any situation in which the worker is offered, as an alternative to such loss of employment, a similar employment opportunity with the same employer at equivalent or higher compensation and benefits than the position from which the employee was discharged, regardless of whether the employee accepts the offer. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit an employee's rights under a collective bargaining agreement or other employment contract.

“(9) UNITED STATES WORKER.—The term ‘United States worker’ means an employee who is—

“(A) a citizen or national of the United States; or

“(B) an alien who is—

“(i) lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(ii) admitted as a refugee under section 207;

“(iii) granted asylum under section 208; or

“(iv) otherwise authorized, under this Act or by the Secretary of Homeland Security, to be employed in the United States.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218 the following:

“Sec. 218A. Admission of temporary H-2C workers.”.

(b) CREATION OF STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(x) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘State Impact Aid Account’. Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account all family supplemental visa and family supplemental extension of status fees collected under sections 218A and 218B.”.

#### SEC. 404. EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218A, as added by section 403, the following:

##### “SEC. 218B. EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS.

“(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Each employer who employs an H-2C nonimmigrant shall—

“(1) file a petition in accordance with subsection (b); and

“(2) pay the appropriate fee, as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

“(b) PETITION.—A petition to hire an H-2C nonimmigrant under this section shall include an attestation by the employer of the following:

“(1) PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—The employment of an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(A) will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States similarly employed; and

“(B) did not and will not cause the separation from employment of a United States worker employed by the employer within the 180-day period beginning 90 days before the date on which the petition is filed.

“(2) WAGES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The H-2C nonimmigrant will be paid not less than the greater of—

“(i) the actual wage level paid by the employer to all other individuals with similar



experience and qualifications for the specific employment in question; or

“(ii) the prevailing wage level for the occupational classification in the area of employment, taking into account experience and skill levels of employees.

“(B) CALCULATION.—The wage levels under subparagraph (A) shall be calculated based on the best information available at the time of the filing of the application.

“(C) PREVAILING WAGE LEVEL.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), the prevailing wage level shall be determined in accordance as follows:

“(i) If the job opportunity is covered by a collective bargaining agreement between a union and the employer, the prevailing wage shall be the wage rate set forth in the collective bargaining agreement.

“(ii) If the job opportunity is not covered by such an agreement and it is in an occupation that is covered by a wage determination under a provision of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, or the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.), the prevailing wage level shall be the appropriate statutory wage.

“(iii)(I) If the job opportunity is not covered by such an agreement and it is in an occupation that is not covered by a wage determination under a provision of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, or the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.), the prevailing wage level shall be based on published wage data for the occupation from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, including the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, Current Employment Statistics data, National Compensation Survey, and Occupational Employment Projections program. If the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not have wage data applicable to such occupation, the employer may base the prevailing wage level on another wage survey approved by the Secretary of Labor.

“(II) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations applicable to approval of such other wage surveys that require, among other things, that the Bureau of Labor Statistics determine such surveys are statistically viable.

“(3) WORKING CONDITIONS.—All workers in the occupation at the place of employment at which the H-2C nonimmigrant will be employed will be provided the working conditions and benefits that are normal to workers similarly employed in the area of intended employment.

“(4) LABOR DISPUTE.—There is not a strike, lockout, or work stoppage in the course of a labor dispute in the occupation at the place of employment at which the H-2C nonimmigrant will be employed. If such strike, lockout, or work stoppage occurs following submission of the petition, the employer will provide notification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(5) PROVISION OF INSURANCE.—If the position for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought is not covered by the State workers' compensation law, the employer will provide, at no cost to the H-2C nonimmigrant, insurance covering injury and disease arising out of, and in the course of, the worker's employment, which will provide benefits at least equal to those provided under the State workers' compensation law for comparable employment.

“(6) NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The employer has provided notice of the filing of the petition to the bargaining representative of the employer's employees in the occupational classification and area of employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(B) NO BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE.—If there is no such bargaining representative, the employer has—

“(i) posted a notice of the filing of the petition in a conspicuous location at the place or places of employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought; or

“(ii) electronically disseminated such a notice to the employer's employees in the occupational classification for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(7) RECRUITMENT.—Except where the Secretary of Labor has determined that there is a shortage of United States workers in the occupation and area of intended employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought—

“(A) there are not sufficient workers who are able, willing, and qualified, and who will be available at the time and place needed, to perform the labor or services involved in the petition; and

“(B) good faith efforts have been taken to recruit United States workers, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, which efforts included—

“(i) the completion of recruitment during the period beginning on the date that is 90 days before the date on which the petition was filed with the Department of Homeland Security and ending on the date that is 14 days before such filing date; and

“(ii) the actual wage paid by the employer for the occupation in the areas of intended employment was used in conducting recruitment.

“(8) INELIGIBILITY.—The employer is not currently ineligible from using the H-2C nonimmigrant program described in this section.

“(9) BONA FIDE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.—The job for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought is a bona fide job—

“(A) for which the employer needs labor or services;

“(B) which has been and is clearly open to any United States worker; and

“(C) for which the employer will be able to place the H-2C nonimmigrant on the payroll.

“(10) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND RECORDS RETENTION.—A copy of each petition filed under this section and documentation supporting each attestation, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, will—

“(A) be provided to every H-2C nonimmigrant employed under the petition;

“(B) be made available for public examination at the employer's place of business or work site;

“(C) be made available to the Secretary of Labor during any audit; and

“(D) remain available for examination for 5 years after the date on which the petition is filed.

“(11) NOTIFICATION UPON SEPARATION FROM OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYMENT.—The employer will notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Homeland Security of an H-2C nonimmigrant's separation from employment or transfer to another employer not more than 3 business days after the date of such separation or transfer, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(12) ACTUAL NEED FOR LABOR OR SERVICES.—The petition was filed not more than 60 days before the date on which the employer needed labor or services for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(c) AUDIT OF ATTESTATIONS.—

“(1) REFERRALS BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall refer all approved petitions for H-2C nonimmigrants to the Secretary of Labor for potential audit.

“(2) AUDITS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Labor may audit any approved petition re-

ferred pursuant to paragraph (1), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(d) INELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not approve an employer's petitions, applications, certifications, or attestations under any immigrant or non-immigrant program if the Secretary of Labor determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that the employer submitting such documents—

“(A) has, with respect to the attestations required under subsection (b)—

“(i) misrepresented a material fact;

“(ii) made a fraudulent statement; or

“(iii) failed to comply with the terms of such attestations; or

“(B) failed to cooperate in the audit process in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(2) LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY.—An employer described in paragraph (1) shall be ineligible to participate in the labor certification programs of the Secretary of Labor for not less than the time period determined by the Secretary, not to exceed 3 years.

“(3) EMPLOYERS IN HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS.—Beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security may not approve any employer's petition under subsection (b) if the work to be performed by the H-2C nonimmigrant is located in a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget) in which the unemployment rate for unskilled and low-skilled workers during the most recently completed 6-month period averaged more than 9.0 percent.

“(e) REGULATION OF FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS.—

“(1) COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an H-2C nonimmigrant may not be treated as an independent contractor.

“(2) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—An H-2C nonimmigrant shall not be denied any right or any remedy under Federal, State, or local labor or employment law that would be applicable to a United States worker employed in a similar position with the employer because of the alien's status as a non-immigrant worker.

“(3) TAX RESPONSIBILITIES.—With respect to each employed H-2C nonimmigrant, an employer shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local tax and revenue laws.

“(f) WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.—It shall be unlawful for an employer or a labor contractor of an H-2C nonimmigrant to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, retaliate, discharge, or in any other manner, discriminate against an employee or former employee because the employee or former employee—

“(1) discloses information to the employer or any other person that the employee or former employee reasonably believes demonstrates a violation of this Act; or

“(2) cooperates or seeks to cooperate in an investigation or other proceeding concerning compliance with the requirements of this Act.

“(g) LABOR RECRUITERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each employer that engages in foreign labor contracting activity and each foreign labor contractor shall ascertain and disclose, to each such worker who is recruited for employment at the time of the worker's recruitment—

“(A) the place of employment;

“(B) the compensation for the employment;

“(C) a description of employment activities;



“(D) the period of employment;

“(E) any other employee benefit to be provided and any costs to be charged for each benefit;

“(F) any travel or transportation expenses to be assessed;

“(G) the existence of any labor organizing effort, strike, lockout, or other labor dispute at the place of employment;

“(H) the existence of any arrangement with any owner, employer, foreign contractor, or its agent where such person receives a commission from the provision of items or services to workers;

“(I) the extent to which workers will be compensated through workers’ compensation, private insurance, or otherwise for injuries or death, including—

“(i) work related injuries and death during the period of employment;

“(ii) the name of the State workers’ compensation insurance carrier or the name of the policyholder of the private insurance;

“(iii) the name and the telephone number of each person who must be notified of an injury or death; and

“(iv) the time period within which such notice must be given;

“(J) any education or training to be provided or required, including—

“(i) the nature and cost of such training;

“(ii) the entity that will pay such costs; and

“(iii) whether the training is a condition of employment, continued employment, or future employment; and

“(K) a statement, in a form specified by the Secretary of Labor, describing the protections of this Act for workers recruited abroad.

“(2) FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION.—No foreign labor contractor or employer who engages in foreign labor contracting activity shall knowingly provide material false or misleading information to any worker concerning any matter required to be disclosed in paragraph (1).

“(3) LANGUAGES.—The information required to be disclosed under paragraph (1) shall be provided in writing in English or, as necessary and reasonable, in the language of the worker being recruited. The Secretary of Labor shall make forms available in English, Spanish, and other languages, as necessary, which may be used in providing workers with information required under this section.

“(4) FEES.—A person conducting a foreign labor contracting activity shall not assess any fee to a worker for such foreign labor contracting activity.

“(5) TERMS.—No employer or foreign labor contractor shall, without justification, violate the terms of any agreement made by that contractor or employer regarding employment under this program.

“(6) TRAVEL COSTS.—If the foreign labor contractor or employer charges the employee for transportation such transportation costs shall be reasonable.

“(7) OTHER WORKER PROTECTIONS.—

“(A) NOTIFICATION.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, each employer shall notify the Secretary of Labor of the identity of any foreign labor contractor engaged by the employer in any foreign labor contractor activity for, or on behalf of, the employer.

“(B) REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—No person shall engage in foreign labor recruiting activity unless such person has a certificate of registration from the Secretary of Labor specifying the activities that such person is authorized to perform. An employer who retains the services of a foreign labor contractor shall only use those foreign labor contractors who are registered under this subparagraph.

“(ii) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to establish an efficient electronic process for the investigation and approval of an application for a certificate of registration of foreign labor contractors not later than 14 days after such application is filed, including—

“(I) requirements under paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of section 102 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1812);

“(II) an expeditious means to update registrations and renew certificates; and

“(III) any other requirements that the Secretary may prescribe.

“(iii) TERM.—Unless suspended or revoked, a certificate under this subparagraph shall be valid for 2 years.

“(iv) REFUSAL TO ISSUE; REVOCATION; SUSPENSION.—In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend or revoke, a certificate of registration under this subparagraph if—

“(I) the application or holder of the certification has knowingly made a material misrepresentation in the application for such certificate;

“(II) the applicant for, or holder of, the certification is not the real party in interest in the application or certificate of registration and the real party in interest—

“(aa) is a person who has been refused issuance or renewal of a certificate;

“(bb) has had a certificate suspended or revoked; or

“(cc) does not qualify for a certificate under this paragraph; or

“(III) the applicant for or holder of the certification has failed to comply with this Act.

“(C) REMEDY FOR VIOLATIONS.—An employer engaging in foreign labor contracting activity and a foreign labor contractor that violates the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to remedies for foreign labor contractor violations under subsections (h) and (i). If a foreign labor contractor acting as an agent of an employer violates any provision of this subsection, the employer shall also be subject to remedies under subsections (h) and (i). An employer that violates a provision of this subsection relating to employer obligations shall be subject to remedies under subsections (h) and (i).

“(D) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—An employer shall notify the Secretary of Labor if the employer becomes aware of a violation of this subsection by a foreign labor recruiter.

“(E) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—A foreign labor contractor may not violate the terms of any written agreements made with an employer relating to any contracting activity or worker protection under this subsection.

“(F) BONDING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Labor may require a foreign labor contractor to post a bond in an amount sufficient to ensure the protection of individuals recruited by the foreign labor contractor. The Secretary may consider the extent to which the foreign labor contractor has sufficient ties to the United States to adequately enforce this subsection.

“(h) ENFORCEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations for the receipt, investigation, and disposition of complaints by an aggrieved person respecting a violation of this section.

“(2) FILING DEADLINE.—No investigation or hearing shall be conducted on a complaint concerning a violation under this section unless the complaint was filed not later than 12 months after the date of such violation.

“(3) REASONABLE CAUSE.—The Secretary of Labor shall conduct an investigation under this subsection if there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of this section has occurred. The process established under this

subsection shall provide that, not later than 30 days after a complaint is filed, the Secretary shall determine if there is reasonable cause to find such a violation.

“(4) NOTICE AND HEARING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the Secretary of Labor makes a determination of reasonable cause under paragraph (4), the Secretary shall issue a notice to the interested parties and offer an opportunity for a hearing on the complaint, in accordance with section 556 of title 5, United States Code.

“(B) COMPLAINT.—If the Secretary of Labor, after receiving a complaint under this subsection, does not offer the aggrieved party or organization an opportunity for a hearing under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall notify the aggrieved party or organization of such determination and the aggrieved party or organization may seek a hearing on the complaint in accordance with such section 556.

“(C) HEARING DEADLINE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under this paragraph, the Secretary of Labor shall make a finding on the matter in accordance with paragraph (5).

“(5) ATTORNEYS’ FEES.—A complainant who prevails with respect to a claim under this subsection shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

“(6) POWER OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction—

“(A) to seek remedial action, including injunctive relief;

“(B) to recover the damages described in subsection (i); or

“(C) to ensure compliance with terms and conditions described in subsection (g).

“(7) SOLICITOR OF LABOR.—Except as provided in section 518(a) of title 28, United States Code, the Solicitor of Labor may appear for and represent the Secretary of Labor in any civil litigation brought under this subsection. All such litigation shall be subject to the direction and control of the Attorney General.

“(8) PROCEDURES IN ADDITION TO OTHER RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES.—The rights and remedies provided to workers under this section are in addition to any other contractual or statutory rights and remedies of the workers, and are not intended to alter or affect such rights and remedies.

“(i) PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary of Labor finds a violation of subsection (b), (e), (f), or (g), the Secretary may impose administrative remedies and penalties, including—

“(A) back wages;

“(B) benefits; and

“(C) civil monetary penalties.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Labor may impose, as a civil penalty—

“(A) for a violation of subsection (e) or (f)—

“(i) a fine in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(ii) if the violation was willful violation, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(iii) if the violation was willful and if in the course of such violation a United States worker was harmed, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per violation per affected worker; and

“(B) for a violation of subsection (g)—

“(i) a fine in an amount not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(ii) if the violation was willful, a fine in an amount not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000 per violation per affected worker; and



“(iii) if the violation was willful and if in the course of such violation a United States worker was harmed, a fine in an amount not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$35,000 per violation per affected worker.

“(3) USE OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—All penalties collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(w).

“(4) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—If a willful and knowing violation of subsection (g) causes extreme physical or financial harm to an individual, the person in violation of such subsection may be imprisoned for not more than 6 months, fined in an amount not more than \$35,000, or both.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218A, as added by section 403, the following:

“Sec. 218B. Employer obligations.”.

#### SEC. 405. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218B, as added by section 404, the following: “SEC. 218C. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of State, and the Commission of Social Security, shall develop and implement a program (referred to in this section as the ‘alien employment management system’) to manage and track the employment of aliens described in sections 218A and 218D.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The alien employment management system shall—

“(1) provide employers who seek employees with an opportunity to recruit and advertise employment opportunities available to United States workers before hiring an H-2C nonimmigrant;

“(2) collect sufficient information from employers to enable the Secretary of Homeland Security to determine—

“(A) if the nonimmigrant is employed;

“(B) which employers have hired an H-2C nonimmigrant;

“(C) the number of H-2C nonimmigrants that an employer is authorized to hire and is currently employing;

“(D) the occupation, industry, and length of time that an H-2C nonimmigrant has been employed in the United States;

“(3) allow employers to request approval of multiple H-2C nonimmigrant workers; and

“(4) permit employers to submit applications under this section in an electronic form.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218B, as added by section 404, the following:

“Sec. 218C. Alien employment management system.”.

#### SEC. 406. RULEMAKING; EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations, in accordance with the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code, to carry out the provisions of sections 218A, 218B, and 218C, as added by this Act.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by sections 403, 404, and 405 shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act with regard to aliens, who, on such effective date, are in the foreign country where they maintain residence.

#### SEC. 407. RECRUITMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.

(a) ELECTRONIC JOB REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Labor shall establish a publicly ac-

cessible Web page on the Internet website of the Department of Labor that provides a single Internet link to each State workforce agency’s statewide electronic registry of jobs available throughout the United States to United States workers.

(b) RECRUITMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—

(1) POSTING.—An employer shall attest that the employer has posted an employment opportunity at a prevailing wage level, as described in section 218B(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 404 of this Act.

(2) RECORDS.—An employer shall maintain records for not less than 1 year after the date on which an H-2C nonimmigrant is hired that describe the reasons for not hiring any of the United States workers who may have applied for such position.

(c) OVERSIGHT AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.—The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations regarding the maintenance of electronic job registry records for the purpose of audit or investigation.

(d) ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC JOB REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Labor shall ensure that job opportunities advertised on an electronic job registry established under this section are accessible—

(1) by the State workforce agencies, which may further disseminate job opportunity information to other interested parties; and

(2) through the Internet, for access by workers, employers, labor organizations, and other interested parties.

#### SEC. 408. TEMPORARY GUEST WORKER VISA PROGRAM TASK FORCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task force to be known as the “Temporary Worker Task Force” (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

(1) to study the impact of the admission of aliens under section 101(a)(15)(ii)(c) on the wages, working conditions, and employment of United States workers; and

(2) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor regarding the need for an annual numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted in any fiscal year under section 101(a)(15)(ii)(c).

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(2) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

(A) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

(B) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.

(2) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.

(3) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

(e) MEETINGS.—

(1) INITIAL MEETING.—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

(2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

(f) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit, to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary, a report that contains—

(1) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force; and

(2) recommendations for imposing a numerical limit.

(g) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 214(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) may not exceed—

“(i) 300,000 for the first fiscal year in which the program is implemented;

“(ii) in any subsequent fiscal year—

“(I) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the first quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 20 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 20 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(II) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the second quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 15 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 15 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(III) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the third quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 10 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 10 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(IV) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the last quarter of that fiscal year, then the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 10 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year; and

“(V) with the exception of the first subsequent fiscal year to the fiscal year in which the program is implemented, if fewer visas were allotted the previous fiscal year than the number of visas allocated for that year and the reason was not due to processing delays or delays in promulgating regulations, then the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall decrease by 10 percent of the allocated amount in the prior fiscal year.”.

(h) ADJUSTMENT TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—Section 245 (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n)(1) For purposes of adjustment of status under subsection (a), employment-based immigrant visas shall be made available to



an alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) upon the filing of a petition for such a visa—

“(A) by the alien’s employer; or

“(B) by the alien, if the alien has maintained such nonimmigrant status in the United States for a cumulative total of 4 years.

“(2) An alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) may not apply for adjustment of status under this section unless the alien—

“(A) is physically present in the United States; and

“(B) the alien establishes that the alien—

“(i) meets the requirements of section 312; or

“(ii) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study to achieve such an understanding of English and knowledge and understanding of the history and government of the United States.

“(3) An alien who demonstrates that the alien meets the requirements of section 312 may be considered to have satisfied the requirements of that section for purposes of becoming naturalized as a citizen of the United States under title III.

“(4) Filing a petition under paragraph (1) on behalf of an alien or otherwise seeking permanent residence in the United States for such alien shall not constitute evidence of the alien’s ineligibility for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(5) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall extend, in 1-year increments, the stay of an alien for whom a labor certification petition filed under section 203(b) or an immigrant visa petition filed under section 204(b) is pending until a final decision is made on the alien’s lawful permanent residence.

“(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent an alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) from filing an application for adjustment of status under this section in accordance with any other provision of law.”.

#### SEC. 409. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, shall negotiate with each home country of aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 402, to enter into a bilateral agreement with the United States that conforms to the requirements under subsection (b).

(b) REQUIREMENTS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.—Each agreement negotiated under subsection (a) shall require the participating home country to—

(1) accept the return of nationals who are ordered removed from the United States within 3 days of such removal;

(2) cooperate with the United States Government to—

(A) identify, track, and reduce gang membership, violence, and human trafficking and smuggling; and

(B) control illegal immigration;

(3) provide the United States Government with—

(A) passport information and criminal records of aliens who are seeking admission to, or are present in, the United States; and

(B) admission and entry data to facilitate United States entry-exit data systems; and

(4) educate nationals of the home country regarding United States temporary worker programs to ensure that such nationals are not exploited; and

(5) evaluate means to provide housing incentives in the alien’s home country for returning workers.

#### SEC. 410. S VISAS.

(a) EXPANSION OF S VISA CLASSIFICATION.—Section 101(a)(15)(S) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(S)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place that term appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;;

(B) in subclause (I), by inserting before the semicolon, “, including a criminal enterprise undertaken by a foreign government, its agents, representatives, or officials”;;

(C) in subclause (III), by inserting “where the information concerns a criminal enterprise undertaken by an individual or organization that is not a foreign government, its agents, representatives, or officials,” before “whose”; and

(D) by striking “or” at the end; and

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by striking “1956,” and all that follows through “the alien;” and inserting the following: “1956; or

“(iii) who the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence, jointly determine—

“(I) is in possession of critical reliable information concerning the activities of governments or organizations, or their agents, representatives, or officials, with respect to weapons of mass destruction and related delivery systems, if such governments or organizations are at risk of developing, selling, or transferring such weapons or related delivery systems; and

“(II) is willing to supply or has supplied, fully and in good faith, information described in subclause (I) to appropriate persons within the United States Government;

“and, if the Secretary of Homeland Security (or with respect to clause (ii), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security jointly) considers it to be appropriate, the spouse, married and unmarried sons and daughters, and parents of an alien described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) if accompanying, or following to join, the alien;”.

(b) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Section 214(k)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)(1)) is amended by striking “The number of aliens” and all that follows through the period and inserting the following: “The number of aliens who may be provided a visa as nonimmigrants under section 101(a)(15)(S) in any fiscal year may not exceed 1,000.”.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) CONTENT.—Paragraph (4) of section 214(k) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “The Attorney General” and inserting “The Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(ii) by striking “concerning—” and inserting “that includes—”;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”;;

(C) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(D) by inserting at the end the following:

“(F) in the event that the total number of such nonimmigrants admitted is fewer than 25 percent of the total number provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection—

“(i) the reasons why the number of such nonimmigrants admitted is fewer than 25 percent of that provided for by law;

“(ii) the efforts made by the Secretary of Homeland Security to admit such nonimmigrants; and

“(iii) any extenuating circumstances that contributed to the admission of a number of such nonimmigrants that is fewer than 25 percent of that provided for by law.”.

(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Section 214(k) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) To the extent required by law and if it is in the interests of national security or the security of such nonimmigrants that are admitted, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the information contained in a report described in paragraph (4) may be classified, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, to the extent feasible, submit a non-classified version of the report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.”.

#### SEC. 411. L VISA LIMITATIONS.

Section 214(c)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “In the case” and inserting “Except as provided in subparagraph (H), in the case”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(G)(i) If the beneficiary of a petition under this subsection is coming to the United States to open, or be employed in, a new facility, the petition may be approved for a period not to exceed 12 months only if the employer operating the new facility has—

“(I) a business plan;

“(II) sufficient physical premises to carry out the proposed business activities; and

“(III) the financial ability to commence doing business immediately upon the approval of the petition.

“(ii) An extension of the approval period under clause (i) may not be granted until the importing employer submits to the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(I) evidence that the importing employer meets the requirements of this subsection;

“(II) evidence that the beneficiary meets the requirements of section 101(a)(15)(L);

“(III) a statement summarizing the original petition;

“(IV) evidence that the importing employer has fully complied with the business plan submitted under clause (i);

“(V) evidence of the truthfulness of any representations made in connection with the filing of the original petition;

“(VI) evidence that the importing employer, during the previous 12 months, has been doing business at the new facility through regular, systematic, and continuous provision of goods or services, or has otherwise been taking commercially reasonable steps to establish the new facility as a commercial enterprise;

“(VII) a statement of the duties the beneficiary has performed at the new facility during the previous 12 months and the duties the beneficiary will perform at the new facility during the extension period approved under this clause;

“(VIII) a statement describing the staffing at the new facility, including the number of employees and the types of positions held by such employees;

“(IX) evidence of wages paid to employees if the beneficiary will be employed in a managerial or executive capacity;

“(X) evidence of the financial status of the new facility; and

“(XI) any other evidence or data prescribed by the Secretary.

“(iii) Notwithstanding subclauses (I) through (VI) of clause (ii) and subject to the maximum period of authorized admission set forth in subparagraph (D), the Secretary of Homeland Security may approve a subsequently filed petition on behalf of the beneficiary to continue employment at the facility described in this subsection for a period



beyond the initially granted 12-month period if the importing employer demonstrates that the failure to satisfy any of the requirements described in those subclauses was directly caused by extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the importing employer.

“(H)(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security may not authorize the spouse of an alien described under section 101(a)(15)(L), who is a dependent of a beneficiary under subparagraph (G), to engage in employment in the United States during the initial 9-month period described in subparagraph (G)(i).

“(ii) A spouse described in clause (i) may be provided employment authorization upon the approval of an extension under subparagraph (G)(ii).

“(I) For purposes of determining the eligibility of an alien for classification under Section 101(a)(15)(L) of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a program to work cooperatively with the Department of State to verify a company or facility's existence in the United States and abroad.”.

#### SEC. 412. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle for the first fiscal year beginning before the date of enactment of this Act and each of the subsequent fiscal years beginning not more than 7 years after the effective date of the regulations promulgated by the Secretary to implement this subtitle.

#### Subtitle B—Immigration Injunction Reform

##### SEC. 421. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Fairness in Immigration Litigation Act of 2006”.

#### SEC. 422. APPROPRIATE REMEDIES FOR IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION.

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ORDER GRANTING PROSPECTIVE RELIEF AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a court determines that prospective relief should be ordered against the Government in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, the court shall—

(A) limit the relief to the minimum necessary to correct the violation of law;

(B) adopt the least intrusive means to correct the violation of law;

(C) minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, the adverse impact on national security, border security, immigration administration and enforcement, and public safety, and

(D) provide for the expiration of the relief on a specific date, which is not later than the earliest date necessary for the Government to remedy the violation.

(2) WRITTEN EXPLANATION.—The requirements described in subsection (1) shall be discussed and explained in writing in the order granting prospective relief and must be sufficiently detailed to allow review by another court.

(3) EXPIRATION OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Preliminary injunctive relief shall automatically expire on the date that is 90 days after the date on which such relief is entered, unless the court—

(A) makes the findings required under paragraph (1) for the entry of permanent prospective relief; and

(B) makes the order final before expiration of such 90-day period.

(4) REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDER DENYING MOTION.—This subsection shall apply to any order denying the Government's motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR MOTION AFFECTING ORDER GRANTING PROSPECTIVE RELIEF AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A court shall promptly rule on the Government's motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

(2) AUTOMATIC STAYS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Government's motion to vacate, modify, dissolve, or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief made in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States shall automatically, and without further order of the court, stay the order granting prospective relief on the date that is 15 days after the date on which such motion is filed unless the court previously has granted or denied the Government's motion.

(B) DURATION OF AUTOMATIC STAY.—An automatic stay under subparagraph (A) shall continue until the court enters an order granting or denying the Government's motion.

(C) POSTPONEMENT.—The court, for good cause, may postpone an automatic stay under subparagraph (A) for not longer than 15 days.

(D) ORDERS BLOCKING AUTOMATIC STAYS.—Any order staying, suspending, delaying, or otherwise barring the effective date of the automatic stay described in subparagraph (A), other than an order to postpone the effective date of the automatic stay for not longer than 15 days under subparagraph (C), shall be—

(i) treated as an order refusing to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an injunction; and

(ii) immediately appealable under section 1292(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code.

(e) SETTLEMENTS.—

(1) CONSENT DECREES.—In any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, the court may not enter, approve, or continue a consent decree that does not comply with subsection (a).

(2) PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this section shall preclude parties from entering into a private settlement agreement that does not comply with subsection (a) if the terms of that agreement are not subject to court enforcement other than reinstatement of the civil proceedings that the agreement settled.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CONSENT DECREE.—The term “consent decree” —

(A) means any relief entered by the court that is based in whole or in part on the consent or acquiescence of the parties; and

(B) does not include private settlements.

(2) GOOD CAUSE.—The term “good cause” does not include discovery or congestion of the court's calendar.

(3) GOVERNMENT.—The term “Government” means the United States, any Federal department or agency, or any Federal agent or official acting within the scope of official duties.

(4) PERMANENT RELIEF.—The term “permanent relief” means relief issued in connection with a final decision of a court.

(5) PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term “private settlement agreement” means an agreement entered into among the parties that is not subject to judicial enforcement other than the reinstatement of the civil action that the agreement settled.

(6) PROSPECTIVE RELIEF.—The term “prospective relief” means temporary, preliminary, or permanent relief other than compensatory monetary damages.

(e) EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS.—It shall be the duty of every court to advance on the docket and to expedite the disposition of any civil action or motion considered under this section.

#### SEC. 423. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This subtitle shall apply with respect to all orders granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, whether such relief was ordered before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) PENDING MOTIONS.—Every motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any such action, which motion is pending on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be treated as if it had been filed on such date of enactment.

(c) AUTOMATIC STAY FOR PENDING MOTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An automatic stay with respect to the prospective relief that is the subject of a motion described in subsection (b) shall take effect without further order of the court on the date which is 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act if the motion—

(A) was pending for 45 days as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) is still pending on the date which is 10 days after such date of enactment.

(2) DURATION OF AUTOMATIC STAY.—An automatic stay that takes effect under paragraph (1) shall continue until the court enters an order granting or denying the Government's motion under section 422(b). There shall be no further postponement of the automatic stay with respect to any such pending motion under section 422(b)(2). Any order, staying, suspending, delaying or otherwise barring the effective date of this automatic stay with respect to pending motions described in subsection (b) shall be an order blocking an automatic stay subject to immediate appeal under section 422(b)(2)(D).

**SA 3322.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 276, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 277, line 21, and insert the following:

“(n) An alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) shall not be eligible for any adjustment of the status of the alien.”.

**SA 3323.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 235, strike lines 12 through 16.  
On page 235, line 17, strike “(3)” and insert “(2)”.

On page 236, line 8, strike “subsections (b) and (f)(2)” and insert “subsection (b)”.

On page 236, line 13, strike “(4)” and insert “(3)”.

On page 237, line 3, strike “(5)” and insert “(4)”.

**SA 3324.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and



for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 343, strike lines 1 through 7 and insert the following:

“(i) has completed or will complete not less than 500 hours of community service; and

“(ii)(I) meets the requirements of section 312; or

“(II) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study to achieve such an understanding of English and knowledge and understanding of the history and government of the United States.

**SA 3325.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 325, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 382, line 7.

**SA 3326.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 276, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 277, line 21, and insert the following:

“(n) An alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) shall not be eligible for any adjustment of the status of the alien.”

Beginning on page 325, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 382, line 7.

**SA 3327.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 268, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 269, line 2, and insert the following:

**(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by sections 403, 404, and 405 shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act with regard to aliens, who, on such effective date, are in the foreign country where they maintain residence.

(2) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, a visa may not be issued to a nonimmigrant alien described in clause (ii)(C) or (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(H) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 402, until Congress appropriates sufficient funds to fully implement the border security and interior enforcement provisions of titles I and II of this Act.

**SA 3328.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 348, line 7, strike “There” and insert “Subject to subsection (c), there”

On page 348, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert the following:

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Funds may not be appropriated pursuant to the authorization

under subsection (a) until Congress has appropriated sufficient funds to fully implement the border security and interior enforcement provisions of titles I and II of this Act.

**SA 3329.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 477, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 644. SUNSET PROVISION.**

This title, titles IV and V, and the amendments made by such titles, are repealed on the date that is 6 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 3330.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . VISA ISSUANCE REPORT.**

Not later than March 31 of each year, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, shall submit to Congress a report that identifies, for the most recent calendar year, the number of visas issued in each visa category.

**SA 3331.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . PROMISE ACT.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Parental Responsibility Obligations Met through Immigration System Enforcement Act” or the “PROMISE Act”.

(b) ALIENS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VISAS AND EXCLUDED FROM ADMISSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.—Section 212(a)(10) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(10)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), an alien who is legally obligated under a judgment, decree, or order to pay child support and whose failure to pay such child support has resulted in arrearages that exceed the amount specified in section 454(31) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654(31)) is inadmissible.

“(ii) EXCEPTION.—An alien described in clause (i) may become admissible when—

“(I) child support payments under the judgment, decree, or order are satisfied; or

“(II) the alien is in compliance with a payment agreement approved by the appropriate State enforcement agency or court.

“(iii) FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.—The Federal Parent Locator Service, established under section 453 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653), shall be used to determine if an alien is inadmissible under clause (i).

“(iv) REQUEST BY FOREIGN COUNTRY.—For purposes of clause (i), any request for services by a foreign reciprocating country or a foreign country with which a State has an arrangement described in section 459A(d) of

the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659a(d)) shall be treated as a State request.”

(c) AUTHORITY TO PAROLE ALIENS EXCLUDED FROM ADMISSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.—Section 212(d)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C)(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the Secretary’s discretion, parole into the United States, any alien who is inadmissible under subsection (a)(10)(F) if—

“(I) the Secretary places such alien into removal proceedings;

“(II) the alien demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such parole is essential to the compliance and fulfillment of child support obligations;

“(III) the alien demonstrates that the alien has employment in the United States and is authorized by law for employment in the United States; and

“(IV) the alien is not inadmissible under any other provision of law.

“(ii) The Secretary of State may permit an alien described in clause (i) to present himself or herself at a port of entry for the limited purpose of seeking parole pursuant to clause (i).

“(iii) The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State shall exercise the discretionary authority described in this subparagraph in a manner consistent with the objective of facilitating collection of payment of child support arrearages.

“(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph, unless waived by the alien, the Attorney General shall not enter a final order of removal—

“(I) during the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security initially charges the alien as removable under subsection (a)(10)(F); or

“(II) during the pendency of State court proceedings involving the child support obligations of the alien.”

(d) EFFECT OF NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (8), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

“(10) one who is legally obligated under a judgment, decree, or order to pay child support (as defined in section 459(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659(i))) and whose failure to pay such child support has resulted in arrearages that exceed the amount specified in section 454(31) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 654(31)), unless support payments under the judgment, decree, or order are satisfied or the alien is in compliance with an approved payment agreement.”

(e) AUTHORIZATION TO SERVE LEGAL PROCESS IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES ON CERTAIN VISA APPLICANTS AND ARRIVING ALIENS.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)), as amended by section 128, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) AUTHORITY TO SERVE PROCESS IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To the extent consistent with State law, immigration officers are authorized to serve, on any alien who is an applicant for admission to the United States, legal process with respect to—

“(i) any action to enforce a legal obligation of an individual to pay child support (as defined in section 459(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659(i))); or

“(ii) any action to establish paternity.

“(B) LEGAL PROCESS DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘legal process’ means any writ, order, summons, or other similar process that is issued by—



“(i) a court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction in any State, territory, or possession of the United States; or

“(ii) an authorized official pursuant to an order of such a court or agency or pursuant to State or local law.”.

(f) AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY ALIENS.—Section 453(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS DELINQUENT IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b), upon the request of the Attorney General, Secretary of Homeland Security, or Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide and transmit to authorized persons through the Federal Parent Locator Service, such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines may aid the authorized person in establishing whether an alien is delinquent in the payment of child support.

“(B) PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.—In no case may an authorized person permit use by, or disclosure to, any person (other than a sworn officer or employee of the United States Government for legitimate law enforcement purposes) of any information obtained under this paragraph through the Federal Parent Locator Service.

“(C) PENALTY.—Any person who willfully uses, publishes, or permits information to be disclosed in violation of this paragraph shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and subject to a civil monetary penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such violation.

“(D) AUTHORIZED PERSON DEFINED.—As used in this paragraph, the term ‘authorized person’ means any administrative agency, immigration officer, or consular officer (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) having the authority to investigate or enforce the immigration and naturalization laws of the United States with respect to the legal entry and status of aliens.”.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to aliens who apply for benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on or after such effective date.

**SA 3332.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 231, strike lines 14 through 18 and insert the following:

“(3) FEES.—

“(A) VISA ISSUANCE FEE.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application.

“(B) COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE FEE.—In addition to the fee required under subparagraph (A), the alien shall pay a \$100 community responsibility and assistance fee, which shall be made available, in its entirety, to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program established under section 241(i).

“(C) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

**SA 3333.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 8, strike lines 16 through 22.

**SA 3334.** Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike titles III, IV, V, and VI, and insert the following:

### TITLE III—NONPARTISAN COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

#### SEC. 301. NONPARTISAN COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than May 1, 2006, the President shall establish a commission to be known as the Nonpartisan Commission on Immigration Reform (in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(2) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 9 members to be appointed as follows:

(A) 1 member who shall serve as Chairman, to be appointed by the President.

(B) 2 members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall select such members from a list of nominees provided by the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(C) 2 members to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who shall select such members from a list of nominees provided by the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(D) 2 members to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall select such members from a list of nominees provided by the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(E) 2 members to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall select such members from a list of nominees provided by the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Initial appointments to the Commission shall be made during the 45-day period beginning on May 1, 2006.

(4) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(5) TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—Members shall be appointed to serve for the life of the Commission, except that the term of the member described in paragraph (2)(A) shall expire at noon on January 20, 2008, and the President shall appoint an individual to serve for the remaining life, if any, of the Commission.

(b) FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSION.—The Commission shall—

(1) review and evaluate the impact of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, in accordance with subsection (c);

(2) conduct a systematic and comprehensive review of this Nation’s immigration laws, in accordance with subsection (c); and

(3) transmit to the Congress—

(A) not later than April 15, 2008, a first report describing the progress made in carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2); and

(B) not later than April 15, 2010, a final report setting forth the Commission’s findings and recommendations, including such recommendations for additional comprehensive

changes that should be made with respect to immigration laws in the United States as the Commission deems appropriate, including, when applicable, such model legislative language for the consideration of Congress.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—

(1) GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.—The Commission may investigate and make recommendations upon any subject that it determines would substantially contribute to the development of an equitable, efficient, and sustainable immigration system that will facilitate border security specifically and national security generally.

(2) GUEST WORKER PROGRAM.—The Commission shall analyze and make recommendations on the advisability of modifying the requirements for admission of nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(H) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)), including increasing the number of such nonimmigrants admitted to the United States and adopting a national guest worker program, and if, in the opinion of this Commission, such a modification or program should be adopted, then the Commission shall—

(A) set forth minimum requirements for such modification or program, including—

(i) the numerical limitations, if any, on such a program; and

(ii) the temporal limitations (in terms of participant duration), if any, on such a program;

(B) assess the impact and advisability of allowing aliens admitted under such section or participating in such a program to adjust their status from nonimmigrant to immigrant classifications; and

(C) determine whether and, if appropriate, to what degree, low-skilled enterprises should be included in a national guest worker program.

(3) PROJECT SUNSHINE.—The Commission shall analyze and make recommendations on the disposition of the unlawful alien population present in the United States, and such report shall—

(A) examine the impact of earned adjustment, amnesty, or similar programs on future illegal immigration;

(B) examine the ability, and advisability, of the United States Government to locate and deport individuals unlawfully present in the United States;

(C) assess the impact, advisability, and ability of earned adjustment, amnesty, or similar programs to locate and register individuals unlawfully present in the United States; and

(D) provide alternate solutions, if any, to the realm of options otherwise mentioned in this section.

(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The Commission shall examine the operation of the relevant adjudicatory structures and mechanisms and make such recommendations as are necessary to ensure expediency of process consistent with applicable constitutional protections.

(5) INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT.—The Commission shall analyze current interior enforcement efforts and make such recommendations as are necessary to ensure viable interior enforcement, including issues surrounding worksite enforcement and the impact of inadequate interior enforcement on rural communities.

(d) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government is entitled to receive, subject to such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts, pay at the daily equivalent of the minimum annual rate of basic pay in effect for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule. Each member of



the Commission who is such an officer or employee shall serve without additional pay.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSE.—While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

(e) MEETINGS, STAFF, AND AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION.—The provisions of subsections (e) through (g) of section 304 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-603; 8 U.S.C. 1160 note) shall apply to the Commission in the same manner as they apply to the Commission established under such section, except that paragraph (2) of such subsection (e) shall not apply.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(2) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the authority to make payments, or to enter into contracts, under this section shall be effective only to such extent, or in such amounts, as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

(g) TERMINATION DATE.—The Commission shall terminate on the date on which a final report is required to be transmitted under subsection (b)(3)(B), except that the Commission may continue to function until January 1, 2012, for the purpose of concluding its activities, including providing testimony to standing committees of Congress concerning its final report under this section and disseminating that report.

**SA 3335.** Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 63, strike line 12 and all that follows through “(L)” on page 70, line 9, and insert the following:

(E) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary’s discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

(F) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

(G)

On page 75, lines 14 and 15, strike “, including classified, sensitive, or national security information”.

On page 76, line 3, strike “; and” and all that follows through line 14, and insert a period.

On page 78, lines 7 and 8, strike “, including classified, sensitive, or national security information”.

On page 80, strike line 5 and all that follows through “(3)” on page 81, line 20, and insert “(1)”.

On page 129, strike line 14 and all that follows through “(2)” on line 22, and insert “(1)”.

On page 130, line 3, strike “(3)” and insert “(2)”.

On page 130, strike lines 11 through 13 and insert the following:

“(3) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—If an alien agrees to

On page 130, line 20, strike “(i) ineligible” and insert the following:

“(A) ineligible

On page 130, line 22, strike “(ii) subject” and insert the following:

“(B) subject

On page 131, line 1, strike “(iii) subject” and insert the following:

“(C) subject

On page 131, line 3, strike the period at the end and all that follows through “Secretary” on line 23.

On page 133, line 2, strike the period at the end and all that follows through “protection” on line 18.

**SA 3336.** Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**TITLE —RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**

**SEC. —01. MAXIMUM STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS FOR UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

Section 5379(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) In the case of an employee (otherwise eligible for benefits under this section) who is serving as a full-time active-duty United States Border Patrol agent within the Department of Homeland Security—

“(A) paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$20,000’ for ‘\$10,000’; and

“(B) paragraph (2)(B) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$80,000’ for ‘\$60,000’.”.

**SEC. —02. RECRUITMENT AND RELOCATION BONUSES AND RETENTION ALLOWANCES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the authority to pay recruitment and relocation bonuses under section 5753 of title 5, United States Code, the authority to pay retention bonuses under section 5754 of such title, and any other similar authorities available under any other provision of law, rule, or regulation, are exercised to the fullest extent allowable in order to encourage service in the Department of Homeland Security.

**SEC. —03. LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR INSPECTION OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.**

(a) AMENDMENTS.—

(1) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Section 8401(17) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking “and” at the end; and

(ii) by striking “subparagraph (A) and (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (A), (B), (E), or (F)”;

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

“(E) an employee (not otherwise covered by this paragraph)—

“(i) the duties of whose position include the investigation or apprehension of individuals suspected or convicted of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States; and

“(ii) who is authorized to carry a firearm; and

“(F) an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, the duties of whose position are primarily the collection of delinquent taxes and the securing of delinquent returns.”.

(2) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8331(20) of title 5, United States

Code, is amended in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting after “position.” the following: “For the purpose of this paragraph, an employee described in the preceding sentence shall be considered to include an employee, not otherwise covered by this paragraph, who satisfies clauses (i) and (ii) of section 8401(17)(E) and an employee of the Internal Revenue Service the duties of whose position are as described in section 8401(17)(F).”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the amendments made by this subsection shall—

(A) take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply only in the case of any individual first appointed (or seeking to be first appointed) as a law enforcement officer (as defined in the amendments) on or after that date.

(b) TREATMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMED BY INCUMBENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) INCUMBENT.—The term “incumbent” means an individual who—

(i) is first appointed as a law enforcement officer before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) is serving as a law enforcement officer on that date.

(B) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—The term “law enforcement officer” means an individual who satisfies the requirements of section 8331(20) or 8401(17) of title 5, United States Code, as a result of the amendments made by subsection (a).

(C) PRIOR SERVICE.—The term “prior service”, with respect to an incumbent who retires from Government service, means any service performed before the date on which a written notice is to be submitted under paragraph (2)(B).

(D) SERVICE.—The term “service” means service performed as a law enforcement officer.

(2) TREATMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMED BY INCUMBENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes other than purposes described in subparagraph (B), service that is performed by an incumbent on or after the date of enactment of this Act shall be treated as service performed as a law enforcement officer, irrespective of the manner in which the service is treated under subparagraph (B).

(B) RETIREMENT.—For purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, service that is performed by an incumbent before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act shall be treated as service performed as a law enforcement officer if an appropriate written notice of the election of the incumbent to retire from Government service is submitted to the Office of Personnel Management by the earlier of—

(i) the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) the date of retirement of the incumbent.

(3) INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRIOR SERVICE.—

(A) AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—An incumbent who makes an election described in paragraph (2)(B) may, with respect to prior service performed by the incumbent, contribute to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an amount equal to the difference between—

(i) the individual contributions that were actually made for that service; and

(ii) the individual contributions that would have been made for that service under the amendments made by subsection (a).

(B) EFFECT OF NOT CONTRIBUTING.—If no part of or less than the full amount required under subparagraph (A) is paid—



(i) all prior service of the incumbent shall remain fully creditable as law enforcement officer service; but

(ii) the resulting annuity shall be reduced in a manner similar to the manner described in section 8334(d)(2) of title 5, United States Code, to the extent necessary to make up the amount unpaid.

(4) **GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRIOR SERVICE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If an incumbent makes an election under paragraph (2)(B), the agency in or under which the incumbent was serving at the time of any prior service shall remit to the Office of Personnel Management, for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, the amount required under subparagraph (B) with respect to that service.

(B) **AMOUNT REQUIRED.**—The amount an agency is required to remit is, with respect to any prior service, the total amount of additional Government contributions to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (above those actually paid) that would have been required if the amendments made by subsection (a) had been in effect.

(C) **CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE RATABLY.**—Government contributions under this paragraph on behalf of an incumbent shall be made by the agency ratably (on at least an annual basis) over the 10-year period beginning on the date on which a written notice is to be submitted under paragraph (2)(B).

(5) **EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY SEPARATION.**—Nothing in section 8335(b) or 8425(b) of title 5, United States Code, shall cause the involuntary separation of a law enforcement officer before the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(6) **REGULATIONS.**—The Office shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section, including—

(A) provisions in accordance with which interest on any amount under paragraph (3) or (4) shall be computed, based on section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code; and

(B) provisions for the application of this subsection in the case of—

(i) any individual who—

(I) is first appointed as a law enforcement officer before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(II) serves as a law enforcement officer after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any individual entitled to a survivor annuity (based on the service of an incumbent, or of an individual described in clause (i), who dies before making an election under paragraph (2)(B)), to the extent of any rights that would then be available to the decedent (if still living).

(7) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection applies in the case of a reemployed annuitant.

**SA 3337.** Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**TITLE —RAPID RESPONSE MEASURES**  
**SEC. 01. EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Governor of a State on an international border of the United States declares an international border security emergency and requests additional United States Border Patrol agents from the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Sec-

retary is authorized, subject to subsections (b) and (c), to provide the State with up to 1,000 additional United States Border Patrol agents for the purpose of patrolling and defending the international border, in order to prevent individuals from crossing the international border and entering the United States at any location other than an authorized port of entry.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the President upon receipt of a request under subsection (a), and shall grant it to the extent that providing the requested assistance will not significantly impair the Department of Homeland Security's ability to provide border security for any other State.

(c) **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**—Emergency deployments under this section shall be made in conformance with all collective bargaining agreements and obligations.

**SEC. 02. ELIMINATION OF FIXED DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that no United States Border Patrol agent is precluded from performing patrol duties and apprehending violators of law, except in unusual circumstances where the temporary use of fixed deployment positions is necessary.

**SEC. 03. HELICOPTERS AND POWER BOATS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall increase by not less than 100 the number of United States Border Patrol helicopters, and shall increase by not less than 250 the number of United States Border Patrol power boats. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that appropriate types of helicopters are procured for the various missions being performed. The Secretary of Homeland Security also shall ensure that the types of power boats that are procured are appropriate for both the waterways in which they are used and the mission requirements.

(b) **USE AND TRAINING.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an overall policy on how the helicopters and power boats described in subsection (a) will be used and implement training programs for the agents who use them, including safe operating procedures and rescue operations.

**SEC. 04. CONTROL OF UNITED STATES UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL ASSETS.**

The United States Border Patrol shall have complete and exclusive administrative and operational control over all the assets utilized in carrying out its mission, including, aircraft, watercraft, vehicles, detention space, transportation, and all of the personnel associated with such assets.

**SEC. 05. MOTOR VEHICLES.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a fleet of motor vehicles appropriate for use by the United States Border Patrol that will permit a ratio of at least one police-type vehicle per every 3 United States Border Patrol agents. Additionally, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that there are sufficient numbers and types of other motor vehicles to support the mission of the United States Border Patrol. All vehicles will be chosen on the basis of appropriateness for use by the United States Border Patrol, and each vehicle shall have a "panic button" and a global positioning system device that is activated solely in emergency situations for the purpose of tracking the location of an agent in distress. The police-type vehicles shall be replaced at least every 3 years.

**SEC. 06. PORTABLE COMPUTERS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that each police-type motor vehicle in the fleet of the United States Border Patrol is equipped with a portable computer

with access to all necessary law enforcement databases and otherwise suited to the unique operational requirements of the United States Border Patrol.

**SEC. 07. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall augment the existing radio communications system so all law enforcement personnel working in every area where United States Border Patrol operations are conducted have clear and encrypted two-way radio communication capabilities at all times. Each portable communications device shall be equipped with a "panic button" and a global positioning system device that is activated solely in emergency situations for the purpose of tracking the location of the agent in distress.

**SEC. 08. HAND-HELD GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM DEVICES.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that each United States Border Patrol agent is issued a state-of-the-art hand-held global positioning system device for navigational purposes.

**SEC. 09. NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that sufficient quantities of state-of-the-art night vision equipment are procured and maintained to enable each United States Border Patrol agent working during the hours of darkness to be equipped with a portable night vision device.

**SEC. 10. BORDER ARMOR.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that every United States Border Patrol agent is issued high-quality body armor that is appropriate for the climate and risks faced by the individual officer. Each officer shall be allowed to select from among a variety of approved brands and styles. Officers shall be strongly encouraged, but not mandated, to wear such body armor whenever practicable. All body armor shall be replaced at least every 5 years.

**SEC. 11. WEAPONS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that United States Border Patrol agents are equipped with weapons that are reliable and effective to protect themselves, their fellow officers, and innocent third parties from the threats posed by armed criminals. In addition, the Secretary shall ensure that the Department's policies allow all such officers to carry weapons that are suited to the potential threats that they face.

**SEC. 12. UNIFORMS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all United States Border Patrol agents are provided with all necessary uniform items, including outerwear suited to the climate, footwear, belts, holsters, and personal protective equipment, at no cost to such agents. Such items shall be replaced at no cost to such agents as they become worn, unserviceable, or no longer fit properly.

**SA 3338.** Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 204, line 8, insert "with 50 or more employees that is" after "employer".

**SA 3339.** Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend



the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, line 17, strike “(e)” and insert the following:

(e) UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM.—During the 1-year period beginning on the date on which the report is submitted under subsection (c), the Secretary shall conduct a pilot program, based at the Northern Border airbase in Great Falls, Montana, to test unmanned aerial vehicles for border surveillance along the international border between Canada and the United States.

(f)

**SA 3340.** Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NONIMMIGRANT STATUS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS AWAITING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN IMMIGRANT VISA.**

Section 101(a)(15)(V) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(V)) is amended—

(1) by striking “the date of the enactment of the Legal Immigration Family Equity Act” and inserting “January 1, 2011”; and

(2) by striking “3 years” each place it appears and inserting “180 days”.

**SA 3341.** Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 295, strike line 12 and all that follows through page 296, line 8, and insert the following:

“(A) 290,000; and

“(B) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year.

“(2) RECAPTURE OF UNUSED EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANT VISAS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001 THROUGH 2005.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year 2006, the number of employment-based visas made available for immigrants described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 203(b) during any fiscal year, as calculated under paragraph (1), shall be increased by the number described in subparagraph (B).

“(B) ADDITIONAL NUMBER.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the number referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be equal to the sum of—

“(I) the difference between—

“(aa) the number of employment-based visas made available during the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005; and

“(bb) the number of employment-based visas actually used during that period; and

“(II) the number of immigrant visas issued after September 30, 2004, to spouses and children of employment-based immigrants that were counted for purposes of paragraph (1)(B).

“(ii) REDUCTION.—For fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter, the number described in clause (i) shall be reduced by the

number of employment-based visas actually used under subparagraph (A) during the preceding fiscal year.”.

On page 296, strike lines 9 through 18 and insert the following:

**SEC. 502. COUNTRY LIMITS.**

Section 202(a) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”.

On page 320, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following:

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.

“(4) FILING IN CASES OF UNAVAILABLE VISA NUMBERS.—Subject to the limitation described in paragraph (3), if a supplemental petition fee is paid for a petition under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1), an application under paragraph (1) on behalf of an alien that is a beneficiary of the petition (including a spouse or child who is accompanying or following to join the beneficiary) may be filed without regard to the requirement under paragraph (1)(D).

“(5) PENDING APPLICATIONS.—Subject to the limitation described in paragraph (3), if a petition under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1) is pending or approved as of the date of enactment of this paragraph, on payment of the supplemental petition fee under that section, the alien that is the beneficiary of the petition may submit an application for adjustment of status under this subsection without regard to the requirement under paragraph (1)(D).

“(6) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS AND ADVANCED PAROLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION.—The Attorney General shall—

“(A) provide to any immigrant who has submitted an application for adjustment of status under this subsection not less than 3 increments, the duration of each of which shall be not less than 3 years, for any applicable employment authorization or advanced parole travel document of the immigrant; and

“(B) adjust each applicable fee payment schedule in accordance with the increments provided under subparagraph (A) so that 1 fee for each authorization or document is required for each 3-year increment.”.

On page 321, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and are employed in a related field.

On page 324, after line 22, insert the following:

(e) TEMPORARY WORKER VISA DURATION.—Section 106 of the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-First Century Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-313; 114 Stat. 1254) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) EXTENSION OF H-1B WORKER STATUS.—The Attorney General shall—

“(1) extend the stay of an alien who qualifies for an exemption under subsection (a) in not less than 3 increments, the duration of each of which shall be not less than 3 years, until such time as a final decision is made with respect to the lawful permanent residence of the alien; and

“(2) adjust each applicable fee payment schedule in accordance with the increments provided under paragraph (1) so that 1 fee is required for each 3-year increment.”.

**SA 3342.** Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and

other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike lines 2 through 20 and insert the following:

(a) ACQUISITION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, autonomous unmanned ground vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, autonomous unmanned ground vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land borders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

**SA 3343.** Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 4, insert “autonomous unmanned ground vehicles,” after “vehicles.”.

On page 9, line 16, insert “autonomous unmanned ground vehicles,” after “vehicles.”.

**SA 3344.** Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . BORDER SECURITY CERTIFICATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to subsection (b), beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may not implement a new conditional nonimmigrant work authorization program that grants legal status to any individual who illegally enters or entered the United States, or any similar or subsequent employment program that grants legal status to any individual who illegally enters or entered the United States, until the Secretary provides written certification to the President and Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

(b) WAIVER AND IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may waive the certification requirement under subsection (a) and direct the Secretary to implement a new conditional nonimmigrant work authorization program or any similar or subsequent program described in that subsection, if the President determines that implementation of the program would strengthen the national security of the United States.

**SA 3345.** Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for



comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 331, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

“(6) CRIMINAL AND RELATED GROUNDS.—An alien is ineligible for conditional non-immigrant work authorization and status under this section under any of the following circumstances:

“(A) CONVICTION OF CERTAIN CRIMES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the alien was convicted of, admits having committed, or admits having committed acts which constitute the essential elements of—

“(I) a crime involving moral turpitude (other than a purely political offense) or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such a crime, or

“(II) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)).

“(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)(I) shall not apply to an alien who committed only 1 crime if—

“(I) the crime was committed before the alien reached 18 years of age and the alien was released from any confinement to a prison or correctional institution imposed for the crime more than 5 years before the date of application for a visa or other documentation and the date of application for admission to the United States; or

“(II) the maximum allowable penalty for the crime for which the alien was convicted, admits having committed, or admits having committed the acts constituting the essential elements of, is not longer than imprisonment for 1 year and, if the alien was convicted of such crime, the alien was not sentenced to a term of imprisonment longer than 6 months (regardless of the extent to which the sentence was ultimately executed).

“(B) MULTIPLE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.—The alien has been convicted of 2 or more offenses (other than purely political offenses) for which the aggregate sentences to confinement were 5 years or more, regardless of whether—

“(i) the conviction was in a single trial;

“(ii) the offenses arose from a single scheme of misconduct; or

“(iii) the offenses involved moral turpitude, .

“(C) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRAFFICKERS.—The consular officer or the Attorney General knows, or has reason to believe, that the alien—

“(i) is or has been—

“(I) an illicit trafficker in any controlled substance or in any listed chemical (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)); or

“(II) a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such controlled or listed substance or chemical, or endeavored to do so; or

“(ii) is the spouse, son, or daughter of an alien ineligible under clause (i), and has—

“(I) during the previous 5 years, obtained any financial or other benefit from the illicit activity of that alien; and

“(II) knew or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity.

“(D) CERTAIN ALIENS INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHO HAVE ASSERTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.—The alien—

“(i) has committed a serious criminal offense (as defined in section 101(h)) in the United States;

“(ii) exercised immunity from criminal jurisdiction with respect to that offense;

“(iii) as a consequence of the offense and exercise of immunity, has departed from the United States; and

“(iv) has not subsequently submitted fully to the jurisdiction of the court in the United States having jurisdiction with respect to that offense.

“(E) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED PARTICULARLY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—The alien, while serving as a foreign government official, was responsible for, or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom (as defined in section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402)).

“(F) SIGNIFICANT TRAFFICKERS IN PERSONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The alien is listed in a report submitted under section 111(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7108(b)) or the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe that the alien is, or has been, a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with such a trafficker in severe forms of trafficking in persons (as defined in the section 103 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 7102)).

“(ii) BENEFICIARIES OF TRAFFICKING.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe that the alien is the spouse, son, or daughter of an alien ineligible under clause (i), and the alien—

“(I) within the previous 5 years, has obtained any financial or other benefit from the illicit activity of that alien; and

“(II) knew or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity.

“(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN SONS AND DAUGHTERS.—Clause (ii) shall not apply to a son or daughter who was a child at the time he or she received the benefit described in such clause.

“(G) MONEY LAUNDERING.—A consular officer or the Attorney General knows, or has reason to believe, that the alien—

“(i) has engaged, is engaging, or seeks to enter the United States to engage, in an offense described in section 1956 or 1957 of title 18, United States Code (relating to laundering of monetary instruments); or

“(ii) is, or has been, a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in an offense referred to in clause (i).

“(H) CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.—The alien has been convicted of any felony or at least 3 misdemeanors.

**SA 3346.** Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 331, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

“(6) CRIMINAL AND RELATED GROUNDS.—An alien is ineligible for conditional non-immigrant work authorization and status under this section under any of the following circumstances:

“(A) CONVICTION OF CERTAIN CRIMES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the alien was convicted of, admits having committed, or admits having committed acts which constitute the essential elements of—

“(I) a crime involving moral turpitude (other than a purely political offense) or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such a crime, or

“(II) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)).

“(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)(I) shall not apply to an alien who committed only 1 crime if—

“(I) the crime was committed before the alien reached 18 years of age and the alien was released from any confinement to a prison or correctional institution imposed for the crime more than 5 years before the date of application for a visa or other documentation and the date of application for admission to the United States; or

“(II) the maximum allowable penalty for the crime for which the alien was convicted, admits having committed, or admits having committed the acts constituting the essential elements of, is not longer than imprisonment for 1 year and, if the alien was convicted of such crime, the alien was not sentenced to a term of imprisonment longer than 6 months (regardless of the extent to which the sentence was ultimately executed).

“(B) MULTIPLE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.—The alien has been convicted of 2 or more offenses (other than purely political offenses) for which the aggregate sentences to confinement were 5 years or more, regardless of whether—

“(i) the conviction was in a single trial;

“(ii) the offenses arose from a single scheme of misconduct; or

“(iii) the offenses involved moral turpitude, .

“(C) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRAFFICKERS.—The consular officer or the Attorney General knows, or has reason to believe, that the alien—

“(i) is or has been—

“(I) an illicit trafficker in any controlled substance or in any listed chemical (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)); or

“(II) a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such controlled or listed substance or chemical, or endeavored to do so; or

“(ii) is the spouse, son, or daughter of an alien ineligible under clause (i), and has—

“(I) during the previous 5 years, obtained any financial or other benefit from the illicit activity of that alien; and

“(II) knew or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity.

“(D) CERTAIN ALIENS INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHO HAVE ASSERTED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.—The alien—

“(i) has committed a serious criminal offense (as defined in section 101(h)) in the United States;

“(ii) exercised immunity from criminal jurisdiction with respect to that offense;

“(iii) as a consequence of the offense and exercise of immunity, has departed from the United States; and

“(iv) has not subsequently submitted fully to the jurisdiction of the court in the United States having jurisdiction with respect to that offense.

“(E) FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED PARTICULARLY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—The alien, while serving as a foreign government official, was responsible for, or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom (as defined in section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402)).

“(F) SIGNIFICANT TRAFFICKERS IN PERSONS.—



“(i) IN GENERAL.—The alien is listed in a report submitted under section 111(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7108(b)) or the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe that the alien is, or has been, a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with such a trafficker in severe forms of trafficking in persons (as defined in the section 103 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 7102)).

“(ii) BENEFICIARIES OF TRAFFICKING.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe that the alien is the spouse, son, or daughter of an alien ineligible under clause (i), and the alien—

“(I) within the previous 5 years, has obtained any financial or other benefit from the illicit activity of that alien; and

“(II) knew or reasonably should have known that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity.

“(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN SONS AND DAUGHTERS.—Clause (ii) shall not apply to a son or daughter who was a child at the time he or she received the benefit described in such clause.

“(G) MONEY LAUNDERING.—A consular officer or the Attorney General knows, or has reason to believe, that the alien—

“(i) has engaged, is engaging, or seeks to enter the United States to engage, in an offense described in section 1956 or 1957 of title 18, United States Code (relating to laundering of monetary instruments); or

“(ii) is, or has been, a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in an offense referred to in clause (i).

**SA 3347.** Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 374, strike lines 13 through 19 and insert the following:

(8) ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL SERVICES.—Section 504(a)(11) of Public Law 104-134 (110 Stat. 1321-53 et seq.) shall not be construed to prevent a recipient of funds under the Legal Services Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 2996 et seq.) from providing legal assistance—

(A) directly related to an application for adjustment of status under this section; or

(B) to nonimmigrant workers admitted to, or permitted to remain in, the United States under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) for forestry labor or services, if the legal assistance is related to wages, housing, transportation, and other employment rights provided in the specific contract of the worker under which the worker was admitted.

**SA 3348.** Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ELIGIBILITY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY WORKERS FOR CERTAIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE.**

Section 305 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 99-603) is amended—

(1) by striking “section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a))” and inserting “item (a) or (b) of section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii) of

the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii))”; and

(2) by inserting “or forestry” after “agricultural”.

**SA 3349.** Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. GREGG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 316, strike line 2 and all that follows through page 323, line 24, and insert the following:

“(iv) an alien described in clause (i) who has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining a master's or doctorate degree or pursuing post-doctoral studies.”.

(b) CREATION OF J-STEM VISA CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15)(J) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J)) is amended to read as follows:

“(J) an alien with a residence in a foreign country that the alien has no intention of abandoning who is a bona fide student, scholar, trainee, teacher, professor, research assistant, specialist, or leader in a field of specialized knowledge or skill, or other person of similar description, and who—

“(i) is coming temporarily to the United States as a participant in a program (other than a graduate program described in clause (ii)) designated by the Director of the United States Information Agency, for the purpose of teaching, instructing or lecturing, studying, observing, conducting research, consulting, demonstrating special skills, or receiving training and who, if coming to the United States to participate in a program under which the alien will receive graduate medical education or training, also meets the requirements of section 212(j), and the alien spouse and minor children of any such alien if accompanying the alien or following to join the alien; or

“(ii) has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the physical or life sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining a master's or doctorate degree or pursuing post-doctoral studies.”.

(c) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 214(b) (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (L) or (V)” and inserting “subparagraph (F)(iv), (J)(ii), (L), or (V)”.

(d) REQUIREMENTS FOR F-4 OR J-STEM VISA.—Section 214(m) (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended—

(1) by inserting before paragraph (1) the following:

“(m) NONIMMIGRANT ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A visa issued to an alien under subparagraph (F)(iv) or (J)(ii) of section 101(a)(15) shall be valid—

“(A) during the intended period of study in a graduate program described in such section;

“(B) for an additional period, not to exceed 1 year after the completion of the graduate program, if the alien is actively pursuing an offer of employment related to the knowledge and skills obtained through the graduate program; and

“(C) for the additional period necessary for the adjudication of any application for labor certification, employment-based immigrant petition, and application under section 245(a)(2) to adjust such alien's status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent

residence, if such application for labor certification or employment-based immigrant petition has been filed not later than 1 year after the completion of the graduate program.”.

(e) WAIVER OF FOREIGN RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT.—Section 212(e) (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “No person”; and

(2) by striking “admission (i) whose” and inserting the following: “admission—  
“(A) whose”;

(3) by striking “residence, (ii) who” and inserting the following: “residence;

“(B) who”;

(4) by striking “engaged, or (iii) who” and inserting the following: “engaged; or

“(C) who”;

(5) by striking “training, shall” and inserting the following: “training,

“shall”;

(6) by striking “United States: *Provided*, That upon” and inserting the following: “United States.

“(2) Upon”;

(7) by striking “section 214(l): And provided further, That, except” and inserting the following: “section 214(l).

“(3) Except”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) An alien who qualifies for adjustment of status under section 214(m)(3)(C) shall not be subject to the 2-year foreign residency requirement under this subsection.”.

(f) OFF CAMPUS WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens admitted as non-immigrant students described in section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) may be employed in an off-campus position unrelated to the alien's field of study if—

(A) the alien has enrolled full time at the educational institution and is maintaining good academic standing;

(B) the employer provides the educational institution and the Secretary of Labor with an attestation that the employer—

(i) has spent at least 21 days recruiting United States citizens to fill the position; and

(ii) will pay the alien and other similarly situated workers at a rate equal to not less than the greater of—

(I) the actual wage level for the occupation at the place of employment; or

(II) the prevailing wage level for the occupation in the area of employment; and

(C) the alien will not be employed more than—

(i) 20 hours per week during the academic term; or

(ii) 40 hours per week during vacation periods and between academic terms.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Labor determines that an employer has provided an attestation under paragraph (1)(B) that is materially false or has failed to pay wages in accordance with the attestation, the employer, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, shall be disqualified from employing an alien student under paragraph (1).

(g) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 245(a) (8 U.S.C. 1255(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien, who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, or who has an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1), may be adjusted by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, under such regulations as the Secretary or the Attorney General may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if—

“(A) the alien makes an application for such adjustment;



“(B) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa;

“(C) the alien is admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(D) an immigrant visa is immediately available to the alien at the time the application is filed.

“(2) **STUDENT VISAS.**—Notwithstanding the requirement under paragraph (1)(D), an alien may file an application for adjustment of status under this section if—

“(A) the alien has been issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under subparagraph (J)(ii) or (F)(iv) of section 101(a)(15), or would have qualified for such nonimmigrant status if subparagraph (J)(ii) or (F)(iv) of section 101(a)(15) had been enacted before such alien's graduation;

“(B) the alien has earned a master's or doctorate degree or completed post-doctoral studies in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics;

“(C) the alien is the beneficiary of a petition filed under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1); and

“(D) a fee of \$2,000 is remitted to the Secretary on behalf of the alien.

“(3) **LIMITATION.**—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.”.

(h) **USE OF FEES.**—

(1) **JOB TRAINING; SCHOLARSHIPS.**—Section 286(s)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 80 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

(2) **FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION.**—Section 286(v)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 20 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

#### **SEC. 508. VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES.**

(a) **ALIENS WITH CERTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES NOT SUBJECT TO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)), as amended by section 505, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned a master's or doctorate degree, or completed post-doctoral studies, in science, technology, engineering, or math and have been working in a related field in the United States under a non-immigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding their application for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

“(H) Aliens described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 203(b)(1)(A) or who have received a national interest waiver under section 203(b)(2)(B).

“(I) The spouse and minor children of an alien who is admitted as an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b).”.

(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any visa application—

(A) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) filed on or after such date of enactment.

(b) **LABOR CERTIFICATION.**—Section 212(a)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) has a master's or doctorate degree, or completed post-doctoral studies, in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an accredited university in the United States and is employed in a field related to such degree.”.

(c) **TEMPORARY WORKERS.**—Section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(beginning with fiscal year 1992)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (vii), by striking “each succeeding fiscal year; or” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006;”; and

(ii) by adding after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) 115,000 in the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this clause; and

“(ix) the number calculated under paragraph (9) in each fiscal year after the year described in clause (viii); or”;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) has earned a master's or doctorate degree, or completed post-doctoral studies, in science, technology, engineering, or math.”;

**SA 3350.** Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373) is amended—

(1) by striking “Immigration and Naturalization Service” and inserting “Department of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **ENFORCEMENT.**—

“(1) **INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AID.**—Upon a determination that any person, or any Federal, State, or local government agency or entity, is in violation of subsection (a) or (b), the Attorney General shall not provide to that person, agency, or entity any grant amount pursuant to any law enforcement grant program carried out by any element of the Department of Justice, including the program under section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 241(i)), and shall ensure that no such grant amounts are provided, directly or indirectly, to such person, agency, or entity. In the case of grant amounts that otherwise would be provided to such person, agency, or entity pursuant to a formula, such amounts shall be reallocated among eligible recipients.

“(2) **VIOLATIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**—In any case in which a Federal, State, or local government official is in violation of subsection (a) or (b), the government agency or entity that employs (or, at the time of the violation, employed) the official shall be subject to the sanction under paragraph (1).

“(3) **DURATION.**—The sanction under paragraph (1) shall remain in effect until the Attorney General determines that the person, agency, or entity has ceased violating subsections (a) and (b).”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to grant requests pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 3351.** Mr. DOMENICI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.**

(a) **COOPERATION REGARDING BORDER SECURITY.**—The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary and representatives of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies that are involved in border security and immigration enforcement efforts, shall work with the appropriate officials from the Government of Mexico to improve coordination between the United States and Mexico regarding—

(1) improved border security along the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) the reduction of human trafficking and smuggling between the United States and Mexico;

(3) the reduction of drug trafficking and smuggling between the United States and Mexico;

(4) the reduction of gang membership in the United States and Mexico;

(5) the reduction of violence against women in the United States and Mexico; and

(6) the reduction of other violence and criminal activity.

(b) **COOPERATION REGARDING EDUCATION ON IMMIGRATION LAWS.**—The Secretary of State, in cooperation with other appropriate Federal officials, shall work with the appropriate officials from the Government of Mexico to carry out activities to educate citizens and nationals of Mexico regarding eligibility for status as a nonimmigrant under Federal law to ensure that the citizens and nationals are not exploited while working in the United States.

(c) **COOPERATION REGARDING CIRCULAR MIGRATION.**—The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary of Labor and other appropriate Federal officials, shall work with the appropriate officials from the Government of Mexico to improve coordination between the United States and Mexico to encourage circular migration, including assisting in the development of economic opportunities and providing job training for citizens and nationals in Mexico.

(d) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress a report on the actions taken by the United States and Mexico under this section.

**SA 3352.** Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 225, beginning on line 17, strike all that follows and insert the following:

#### **TITLE V—BACKLOG REDUCTION**

#### **SEC. 501. ELIMINATION OF EXISTING BACKLOGS.**

(a) **FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 201(c) (8 U.S.C. 1151(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) **WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.**—The worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—



“(1) 480,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 minus the number of visas issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(B) the number of visas calculated under subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.”

(b) **EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 201(d) (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) **WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(A) 290,000;

“(B) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year; and

“(C) the difference between—

“(i) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(ii) the number of visas calculated under clause (i) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.

“(2) **VISAS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.**—Immigrant visas issued on or after October 1, 2004, to spouses and children of employment-based immigrants shall not be counted against the numerical limitation set forth in paragraph (1).”

#### SEC. 502. COUNTRY LIMITS.

Section 202(a) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”; and

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

#### SEC. 503. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.

(a) **PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 203(a) (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) **PREFERENCE ALLOCATIONS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.**—Aliens subject to the worldwide level specified in section 201(c) for family-sponsored immigrants shall be allocated visas as follows:

“(1) **UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.**—Qualified immigrants who are the unmarried sons or daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (4).

“(2) **SPOUSES AND UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Visas in a quantity not to exceed 50 percent of such worldwide level plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to qualified immigrants who are—

“(i) the spouses or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(ii) the unmarried sons or daughters of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“(B) **MINIMUM PERCENTAGE.**—Visas allocated to individuals described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall constitute not less than 77 percent of the visas allocated under this paragraph.

“(3) **MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.**—Qualified immigrants who are the married sons and daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(4) **BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CITIZENS.**—Qualified immigrants who are the brothers or sisters of a citizen of the United States who is at least 21 years of age shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed 30 percent of the worldwide level.”

(b) **PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 203(b) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”; and

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “5 percent”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) **OTHER WORKERS.**—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 30 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States.”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.**—Section 101(a)(27)(M) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4).”

(2) **REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS' VISAS.**—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (Public Law 105-100; 8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

#### SEC. 504. RELIEF FOR MINOR CHILDREN.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 201(b)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A)(i) Aliens admitted under section 211(a) on the basis of a prior issuance of a visa under section 203(a) to their accompanying parent who is an immediate relative.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘immediate relative’ means a child, spouse, or parent of a citizen of the United States (and each child of such child, spouse, or parent who is accompanying or following to join the child, spouse, or parent), except that, in the case of parents, such citizens shall be at least 21 years of age.

“(iii) An alien who was the spouse of a citizen of the United States for not less than 2 years at the time of the citizen's death and was not legally separated from the citizen at the time of the citizen's death, and each child of such alien, shall be considered, for purposes of this subsection, to remain an immediate relative after the date of the citizen's death if the spouse files a petition

under section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) before the earlier of—

“(I) 2 years after such date; or

“(II) the date on which the spouse remarries.

“(iv) In this clause, an alien who has filed a petition under clause (iii) or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A) remains an immediate relative if the United States citizen spouse or parent loses United States citizenship on account of the abuse.

“(B) Aliens born to an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence during a temporary visit abroad.”

(b) **PETITION.**—Section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “in the second sentence of section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) also” and inserting “in section 201(b)(2)(A)(iii) or an alien child or alien parent described in the 201(b)(2)(A)(iv)”.

#### SEC. 505. SHORTAGE OCCUPATIONS.

(a) **EXCEPTION TO DIRECT NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.**—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F)(i) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 and ending on September 30, 2017, an alien—

“(I) who is otherwise described in section 203(b); and

“(II) who is seeking admission to the United States to perform labor in shortage occupations designated by the Secretary of Labor for blanket certification under section 212(a)(5)(A) due to the lack of sufficient United States workers able, willing, qualified, and available for such occupations and for which the employment of aliens will not adversely affect the terms and conditions of similarly employed United States workers.

“(ii) During the period described in clause (i), the spouse or dependents of an alien described in clause (i), if accompanying or following to join such alien.”

(b) **EXCEPTION TO NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 202(a)(1)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “201(b)(2)(A)(i)” and inserting “201(b)”.

(c) **EXCEPTION TO PER COUNTRY LEVELS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED AND EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 202(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(2)), as amended by section 502(1), is further amended by inserting “, except for aliens described in section 201(b),” after “any fiscal year”.

(d) **INCREASING THE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF NURSES AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.**—Not later than January 1, 2007, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

(1) submit to Congress a report on the source of newly licensed nurses and physical therapists in each State, which report shall—

(A) include the past 3 years for which data are available;

(B) provide separate data for each occupation and for each State;

(C) separately identify those receiving their initial license and those licensed by endorsement from another State;

(D) within those receiving their initial license in each year, identify the number who received their professional education in the United States and those who received such education outside the United States; and

(E) to the extent possible, identify, by State of residence and country of education, the number of nurses and physical therapists who were educated in any of the 5 countries (other than the United States) from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived;

(F) identify the barriers to increasing the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;



(G) recommend strategies to be followed by Federal and State governments that would be effective in removing such barriers, including strategies that address barriers to advancement to become registered nurses for other health care workers, such as home health aides and nurses assistants;

(H) recommend amendments to Federal legislation that would increase the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;

(I) recommend Federal grants, loans, and other incentives that would provide increases in nurse educators, nurse training facilities, and other steps to increase the domestic education of new nurses and physical therapists;

(J) identify the effects of nurse emigration on the health care systems in their countries of origin; and

(K) recommend amendments to Federal law that would minimize the effects of health care shortages in the countries of origin from which immigrant nurses arrived;

(2) enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine to determine the level of Federal investment under titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act necessary to eliminate the domestic nursing and physical therapist shortage not later than 7 years from the date on which the report is published; and

(3) collaborate with other agencies, as appropriate, in working with ministers of health or other appropriate officials of the 5 countries from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived, to—

(A) address health worker shortages caused by emigration;

(B) ensure that there is sufficient human resource planning or other technical assistance needed to reduce further health worker shortages in such countries.

#### SEC. 506. RELIEF FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Widows and Orphans Act of 2006”.

(b) **NEW SPECIAL IMMIGRANT CATEGORY.**—

(1) **CERTAIN CHILDREN AND WOMEN AT RISK OF HARM.**—Section 101(a)(27) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (L), by inserting a semicolon at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(N) subject to subsection (j), an immigrant who is not present in the United States—

“(i) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular, immigration, or other designated official by a United States Government agency, an international organization, or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a minor under 18 years of age (as determined under subsection (j)(5))—

“(aa) for whom no parent or legal guardian is able to provide adequate care;

“(bb) who faces a credible fear of harm related to his or her age;

“(cc) who lacks adequate protection from such harm; and

“(dd) for whom it has been determined to be in his or her best interests to be admitted to the United States; or

“(ii) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular or immigration official by a United States Government agency, an international organization or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a female who has—

“(aa) a credible fear of harm related to her sex; and

“(bb) a lack of adequate protection from such harm.”.

(2) **STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**—Section 101 (8 U.S.C. 1101) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j)(1) No natural parent or prior adoptive parent of any alien provided special immigrant status under subsection (a)(27)(N)(i) shall thereafter, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under this Act.

“(2)(A) No alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N)(ii) may apply for derivative status or petition for any spouse who is represented by the alien as missing, deceased, or the source of harm at the time of the alien's application and admission. The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive this requirement for an alien who demonstrates that the alien's representations regarding the spouse were bona fide.

“(B) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) may apply for derivative status or petition for any sibling under the age of 18 years or children under the age of 18 years of any such alien, if accompanying or following to join the alien. For purposes of this subparagraph, a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date the petition is filed with the Department of Homeland Security.

“(3) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) shall be treated in the same manner as a refugee solely for purposes of section 412.

“(4) The provisions of paragraphs (4), (5), and (7)(A) of section 212(a) shall not be applicable to any alien seeking admission to the United States under subsection (a)(27)(N), and the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any other provision of such section (other than paragraph 2(C) or subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (E) of paragraph (3) with respect to such an alien for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest. Any such waiver by the Secretary of Homeland Security shall be in writing and shall be granted only on an individual basis following an investigation. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide for the annual reporting to Congress of the number of waivers granted under this paragraph in the previous fiscal year and a summary of the reasons for granting such waivers.

“(5) For purposes of subsection (a)(27)(N)(i)(II), a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date on which the alien was referred to the consular, immigration, or other designated official.

“(6) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall waive any application fee for a special immigrant visa for an alien described in section 101(a)(27)(N).”.

(3) **EXPEDITED PROCESS.**—Not later than 45 days after the date of referral to a consular, immigration, or other designated official (as described in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1))—

(A) special immigrant status shall be adjudicated; and

(B) if special immigrant status is granted, the alien shall be paroled to the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) and allowed to apply for adjustment of status to permanent residence under section 245 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) within 1 year after the alien's arrival in the United States.

(4) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to

the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the progress of the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section, including—

(A) data related to the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section;

(B) data regarding the number of placements of females and children who faces a credible fear of harm as referred to in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1); and

(C) any other information that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection and the amendments made by this subsection.

#### (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS.—

(1) **REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.**—

(A) **DATABASE SEARCH.**—An alien may not be admitted to the United States unless the Secretary has ensured that a search of each database maintained by an agency or department of the United States has been conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible to be admitted to the United States on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(B) **COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.**—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (A) is completed not later than 45 days after the date on which an alien files a petition seeking a special immigration visa under section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (b)(1).

(2) **REQUIREMENT AFTER ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.**—

(A) **REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the date that an alien enters the United States, the alien shall be fingerprinted and submit to the Secretary such fingerprints and any other personal biometric data required by the Secretary.

(ii) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary may prescribe regulations that permit fingerprints submitted by an alien under section 262 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1302) or any other provision of law to satisfy the requirement to submit fingerprints of clause (i).

(B) **DATABASE SEARCH.**—The Secretary shall ensure that a search of each database that contains fingerprints that is maintained by an agency or department of the United States be conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(C) **COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.**—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (B) is completed not later than 180 days after the date on which the alien enters the United States.

#### (D) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—There may be no review of a determination by the Secretary, after a search required by subparagraph (B), that an alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status, under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds except as provided in this subparagraph.



(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—An alien may appeal a determination described in clause (i) through the Administrative Appeals Office of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Secretary shall ensure that a determination on such appeal is made not later than 60 days after the date that the appeal is filed.

(iii) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There may be no judicial review of a determination described in clause (i).

#### SEC. 507. STUDENT VISAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “he has no intention of abandoning, who is” and inserting the following: “except in the case of an alien described in clause (iv), the alien has no intention of abandoning, who is—

“(I)”;

(B) by striking “consistent with section 214(i)” and inserting “(except for a graduate program described in clause (iv)) consistent with section 214(m)”;

(C) by striking the comma at the end and inserting the following: “; or

“(II) engaged in temporary employment for optional practical training related to the alien’s area of study, which practical training shall be authorized for a period or periods of up to 24 months;”;

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “or (iv)” after “clause (i)”; and

(B) by striking “, and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at the end; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) an alien described in clause (i) who has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree.”.

(b) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 214(b) (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (L) or (V)” and inserting “subparagraph (F)(iv), (L), or (V)”.

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR F-4 VISA.—Section 214(m) (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended—

(1) by inserting before paragraph (1) the following:

“(m) NONIMMIGRANT ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A visa issued to an alien under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) shall be valid—

“(A) during the intended period of study in a graduate program described in such section;

“(B) for an additional period, not to exceed 1 year after the completion of the graduate program, if the alien is actively pursuing an offer of employment related to the knowledge and skills obtained through the graduate program; and

“(C) for the additional period necessary for the adjudication of any application for labor certification, employment-based immigrant petition, and application under section 245(a)(2) to adjust such alien’s status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if such application for labor certification or employment-based immigrant petition has been filed not later than 1 year after the completion of the graduate program.”.

(d) OFF CAMPUS WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens admitted as non-immigrant students described in section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) may be employed in an off-campus position unrelated to the alien’s field of study if—

(A) the alien has enrolled full time at the educational institution and is maintaining good academic standing;

(B) the employer provides the educational institution and the Secretary of Labor with an attestation that the employer—

(i) has spent at least 21 days recruiting United States citizens to fill the position; and

(ii) will pay the alien and other similarly situated workers at a rate equal to not less than the greater of—

(I) the actual wage level for the occupation at the place of employment; or

(II) the prevailing wage level for the occupation in the area of employment; and

(C) the alien will not be employed more than—

(i) 20 hours per week during the academic term; or

(ii) 40 hours per week during vacation periods and between academic terms.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Labor determines that an employer has provided an attestation under paragraph (1)(B) that is materially false or has failed to pay wages in accordance with the attestation, the employer, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, shall be disqualified from employing an alien student under paragraph (1).

(e) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 245(a) (8 U.S.C. 1255(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien, who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, or who has an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1), may be adjusted by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, under such regulations as the Secretary or the Attorney General may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if—

“(A) the alien makes an application for such adjustment;

“(B) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa;

“(C) the alien is admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(D) an immigrant visa is immediately available to the alien at the time the application is filed.

“(2) STUDENT VISAS.—Notwithstanding the requirement under paragraph (1)(D), an alien may file an application for adjustment of status under this section if—

“(A) the alien has been issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv), or would have qualified for such nonimmigrant status if section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) had been enacted before such alien’s graduation;

“(B) the alien has earned an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics;

“(C) the alien is the beneficiary of a petition filed under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1); and

“(D) a fee of \$2,000 is remitted to the Secretary on behalf of the alien.

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.”.

(f) USE OF FEES.—

(1) JOB TRAINING; SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 286(s)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 80 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

(2) FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION.—Section 286(v)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 20 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

#### SEC. 508. VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES.

(a) ALIENS WITH CERTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES NOT SUBJECT TO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)), as amended by section 505, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and have been working in a related field in the United States under a non-immigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding their application for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

“(H) Aliens described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 203(b)(1)(A) or who have received a national interest waiver under section 203(b)(2)(B).

“(I) The spouse and minor children of an alien who is admitted as an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b).”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any visa application—

(A) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) filed on or after such date of enactment.

(b) LABOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 212(a)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) has an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an accredited university in the United States and is employed in a field related to such degree.”.

(c) TEMPORARY WORKERS.—Section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(beginning with fiscal year 1992)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (vii), by striking “each succeeding fiscal year; or” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006;”; and

(ii) by adding after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) 115,000 in the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this clause; and

“(ix) the number calculated under paragraph (9) in each fiscal year after the year described in clause (viii); or”;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) has earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (10), (11), and (12), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) If the numerical limitation in paragraph (1)(A)—

“(A) is reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to 120 percent of the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year; or

“(B) is not reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year.”.

(d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to any visa application—



(1) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) filed on or after such date of enactment.

**SA 3353.** Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 225, beginning on line 17, strike all that follows, and insert the following:

(d) OTHER STUDIES AND REPORTS.—

(1) STUDY BY LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall conduct a study on a sector-by-sector basis on the need for guest workers and the impact that any proposed temporary worker or guest worker program would have on wages and employment opportunities of American workers.

(2) STUDY BY GAO.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study regarding establishing minimum criteria for effectively implementing any proposed temporary worker program and determining whether the Department has the capability to effectively enforce the program. If the Comptroller General determines that the Department does not have the capability to effectively enforce any proposed temporary worker program, the Comptroller General shall determine what additional manpower and resources would be required to ensure effective implementation.

(3) STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT.—The Secretary shall conduct a study to determine if the border security and interior enforcement measures contained in this Act are being properly implemented and whether they are effective in securing United States borders and curbing illegal immigration.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in cooperation with the Secretary of Labor and the Comptroller General of the United States, submit a report to Congress regarding the studies conducted pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

#### TITLE V—BACKLOG REDUCTION

##### SEC. 501. ELIMINATION OF EXISTING BACKLOGS.

(a) FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(c) (8 U.S.C. 1151(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—The worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(1) 480,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 minus the number of visas issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(B) the number of visas calculated under subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.”

(b) EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(d) (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(A) 290,000;

“(B) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year; and

“(C) the difference between—

“(i) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(ii) the number of visas calculated under clause (i) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.

“(2) VISAS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.—Immigrant visas issued on or after October 1, 2004, to spouses and children of employment-based immigrants shall not be counted against the numerical limitation set forth in paragraph (1).”

##### SEC. 502. COUNTRY LIMITS.

Section 202(a) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”;

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”;

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

##### SEC. 503. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.

(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(a) (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATIONS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Aliens subject to the worldwide level specified in section 201(c) for family-sponsored immigrants shall be allocated visas as follows:

“(1) UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the unmarried sons or daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (4).

“(2) SPOUSES AND UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Visas in a quantity not to exceed 50 percent of such worldwide level plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to qualified immigrants who are—

“(i) the spouses or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(ii) the unmarried sons or daughters of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“(B) MINIMUM PERCENTAGE.—Visas allocated to individuals described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall constitute not less than 77 percent of the visas allocated under this paragraph.

“(3) MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the married sons and daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(4) BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the brothers or sisters of a citizen of the United States who is at least 21 years of age shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed 30 percent of the worldwide level.”

(b) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(b) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”;

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “5 percent”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) OTHER WORKERS.—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 30 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States.”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.—Section 101(a)(27)(M) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4).”

(2) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS’ VISAS.—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (Public Law 105-100; 8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

##### SEC. 504. RELIEF FOR MINOR CHILDREN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A)(i) Aliens admitted under section 211(a) on the basis of a prior issuance of a visa under section 203(a) to their accompanying parent who is an immediate relative.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘immediate relative’ means a child, spouse, or parent of a citizen of the United States (and each child of such child, spouse, or parent who is accompanying or following to join the child, spouse, or parent), except that, in the case of parents, such citizens shall be at least 21 years of age.

“(iii) An alien who was the spouse of a citizen of the United States for not less than 2 years at the time of the citizen’s death and was not legally separated from the citizen at the time of the citizen’s death, and each child of such alien, shall be considered, for purposes of this subsection, to remain an immediate relative after the date of the citizen’s death if the spouse files a petition under section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) before the earlier of—

“(I) 2 years after such date; or

“(II) the date on which the spouse remarries.

“(iv) In this clause, an alien who has filed a petition under clause (iii) or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A) remains an immediate relative if the United States citizen spouse or parent loses United States citizenship on account of the abuse.

“(B) Aliens born to an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence during a temporary visit abroad.”

(b) PETITION.—Section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1154 (a)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “in the second sentence of section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) also” and inserting “in section 201(b)(2)(A)(iii) or an alien child or alien parent described in the 201(b)(2)(A)(iv)”.

##### SEC. 505. SHORTAGE OCCUPATIONS.

(a) EXCEPTION TO DIRECT NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:



“(F)(i) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 and ending on September 30, 2017, an alien—

“(I) who is otherwise described in section 203(b); and

“(II) who is seeking admission to the United States to perform labor in shortage occupations designated by the Secretary of Labor for blanket certification under section 212(a)(5)(A) due to the lack of sufficient United States workers able, willing, qualified, and available for such occupations and for which the employment of aliens will not adversely affect the terms and conditions of similarly employed United States workers.

“(ii) During the period described in clause (i), the spouse or dependents of an alien described in clause (i), if accompanying or following to join such alien.”

(b) **EXCEPTION TO NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 202(a)(1)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “201(b)(2)(A)(i)” and inserting “201(b)”.

(c) **EXCEPTION TO PER COUNTRY LEVELS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED AND EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 202(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(2)), as amended by section 502(1), is further amended by inserting “, except for aliens described in section 201(b),” after “any fiscal year”.

(d) **INCREASING THE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF NURSES AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.**—Not later than January 1, 2007, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

(1) submit to Congress a report on the source of newly licensed nurses and physical therapists in each State, which report shall—

(A) include the past 3 years for which data are available;

(B) provide separate data for each occupation and for each State;

(C) separately identify those receiving their initial license and those licensed by endorsement from another State;

(D) within those receiving their initial license in each year, identify the number who received their professional education in the United States and those who received such education outside the United States; and

(E) to the extent possible, identify, by State of residence and country of education, the number of nurses and physical therapists who were educated in any of the 5 countries (other than the United States) from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived;

(F) identify the barriers to increasing the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;

(G) recommend strategies to be followed by Federal and State governments that would be effective in removing such barriers, including strategies that address barriers to advancement to become registered nurses for other health care workers, such as home health aides and nurses assistants;

(H) recommend amendments to Federal legislation that would increase the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;

(I) recommend Federal grants, loans, and other incentives that would provide increases in nurse educators, nurse training facilities, and other steps to increase the domestic education of new nurses and physical therapists;

(J) identify the effects of nurse emigration on the health care systems in their countries of origin; and

(K) recommend amendments to Federal law that would minimize the effects of health care shortages in the countries of origin from which immigrant nurses arrived;

(2) enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine to determine the level of Federal investment under titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act necessary to eliminate the domestic nursing and physical therapist shortage not later than 7 years from the date on which the report is published; and

(3) collaborate with other agencies, as appropriate, in working with ministers of health or other appropriate officials of the 5 countries from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived, to—

(A) address health worker shortages caused by emigration;

(B) ensure that there is sufficient human resource planning or other technical assistance needed to reduce further health worker shortages in such countries.

#### **SEC. 506. RELIEF FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Widows and Orphans Act of 2006”.

(b) **NEW SPECIAL IMMIGRANT CATEGORY.**—

(1) **CERTAIN CHILDREN AND WOMEN AT RISK OF HARM.**—Section 101(a)(27) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (L), by inserting a semicolon at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(N) subject to subsection (j), an immigrant who is not present in the United States—

“(i) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular, immigration, or other designated official by a United States Government agency, an international organization, or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a minor under 18 years of age (as determined under subsection (j)(5))—

“(aa) for whom no parent or legal guardian is able to provide adequate care;

“(bb) who faces a credible fear of harm related to his or her age;

“(cc) who lacks adequate protection from such harm; and

“(dd) for whom it has been determined to be in his or her best interests to be admitted to the United States; or

“(ii) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular or immigration official by a United States Government agency, an international organization or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a female who has—

“(aa) a credible fear of harm related to her sex; and

“(bb) a lack of adequate protection from such harm.”

(2) **STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**—Section 101 (8 U.S.C. 1101) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j)(1) No natural parent or prior adoptive parent of any alien provided special immigrant status under subsection (a)(27)(N)(i) shall thereafter, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under this Act.

“(2)(A) No alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N)(ii) may apply for derivative status or petition for any spouse who is represented by the alien as missing, deceased, or the source of harm at the time of the alien's application and admission. The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive this requirement for an alien who demonstrates that the alien's representations regarding the spouse were bona fide.

“(B) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) may apply for derivative status or petition for any sibling under the age of 18 years or children under the age of 18 years of any such alien, if accompanying or following to join the alien. For purposes of this subparagraph, a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date the petition is filed with the Department of Homeland Security.

“(3) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) shall be treated in the same manner as a refugee solely for purposes of section 412.

“(4) The provisions of paragraphs (4), (5), and (7)(A) of section 212(a) shall not be applicable to any alien seeking admission to the United States under subsection (a)(27)(N), and the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any other provision of such section (other than paragraph 2(C) or subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (E) of paragraph (3) with respect to such an alien for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest. Any such waiver by the Secretary of Homeland Security shall be in writing and shall be granted only on an individual basis following an investigation. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide for the annual reporting to Congress of the number of waivers granted under this paragraph in the previous fiscal year and a summary of the reasons for granting such waivers.

“(5) For purposes of subsection (a)(27)(N)(i)(II), a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date on which the alien was referred to the consular, immigration, or other designated official.

“(6) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall waive any application fee for a special immigrant visa for an alien described in section 101(a)(27)(N).”

(3) **EXPEDITED PROCESS.**—Not later than 45 days after the date of referral to a consular, immigration, or other designated official (as described in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1))—

(A) special immigrant status shall be adjudicated; and

(B) if special immigrant status is granted, the alien shall be paroled to the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) and allowed to apply for adjustment of status to permanent residence under section 245 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) within 1 year after the alien's arrival in the United States.

(4) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the progress of the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section, including—

(A) data related to the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section;

(B) data regarding the number of placements of females and children who faces a credible fear of harm as referred to in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1); and

(C) any other information that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection and the amendments made by this subsection.

(c) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.**—



(A) DATABASE SEARCH.—An alien may not be admitted to the United States unless the Secretary has ensured that a search of each database maintained by an agency or department of the United States has been conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible to be admitted to the United States on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(B) COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (A) is completed not later than 45 days after the date on which an alien files a petition seeking a special immigration visa under section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (b)(1).

(2) REQUIREMENT AFTER ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.—

(A) REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date that an alien enters the United States, the alien shall be fingerprinted and submit to the Secretary such fingerprints and any other personal biometric data required by the Secretary.

(ii) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may prescribe regulations that permit fingerprints submitted by an alien under section 262 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1302) or any other provision of law to satisfy the requirement to submit fingerprints of clause (i).

(B) DATABASE SEARCH.—The Secretary shall ensure that a search of each database that contains fingerprints that is maintained by an agency or department of the United States be conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(C) COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (B) is completed not later than 180 days after the date on which the alien enters the United States.

(D) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There may be no review of a determination by the Secretary, after a search required by subparagraph (B), that an alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status, under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds except as provided in this subparagraph.

(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—An alien may appeal a determination described in clause (i) through the Administrative Appeals Office of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Secretary shall ensure that a determination on such appeal is made not later than 60 days after the date that the appeal is filed.

(iii) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There may be no judicial review of a determination described in clause (i).

#### SEC. 507. STUDENT VISAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “he has no intention of abandoning, who is” and inserting the following: “except in the case of an alien described in clause (iv), the alien has no intention of abandoning, who is—

“(I)”;

(B) by striking “consistent with section 214(I)” and inserting “(except for a graduate program described in clause (iv)) consistent with section 214(m)”;

(C) by striking the comma at the end and inserting the following: “; or

“(II) engaged in temporary employment for optional practical training related to the alien’s area of study, which practical training shall be authorized for a period or periods of up to 24 months;”;

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “(or (iv))” after “clause (i)”; and

(B) by striking “, and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at the end; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) an alien described in clause (i) who has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree.”.

(b) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 214(b) (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (L) or (V)” and inserting “subparagraph (F)(iv), (L), or (V)”.

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR F-4 VISA.—Section 214(m) (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended—

(1) by inserting before paragraph (1) the following:

“(m) NONIMMIGRANT ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A visa issued to an alien under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) shall be valid—

“(A) during the intended period of study in a graduate program described in such section;

“(B) for an additional period, not to exceed 1 year after the completion of the graduate program, if the alien is actively pursuing an offer of employment related to the knowledge and skills obtained through the graduate program; and

“(C) for the additional period necessary for the adjudication of any application for labor certification, employment-based immigrant petition, and application under section 245(a)(2) to adjust such alien’s status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if such application for labor certification or employment-based immigrant petition has been filed not later than 1 year after the completion of the graduate program.”.

(d) OFF CAMPUS WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens admitted as non-immigrant students described in section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) may be employed in an off-campus position unrelated to the alien’s field of study if—

(A) the alien has enrolled full time at the educational institution and is maintaining good academic standing;

(B) the employer provides the educational institution and the Secretary of Labor with an attestation that the employer—

(i) has spent at least 21 days recruiting United States citizens to fill the position; and

(ii) will pay the alien and other similarly situated workers at a rate equal to not less than the greater of—

(I) the actual wage level for the occupation at the place of employment; or

(II) the prevailing wage level for the occupation in the area of employment; and

(C) the alien will not be employed more than—

(i) 20 hours per week during the academic term; or

(ii) 40 hours per week during vacation periods and between academic terms.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Labor determines that an employer has provided an attestation under paragraph (1)(B)

that is materially false or has failed to pay wages in accordance with the attestation, the employer, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, shall be disqualified from employing an alien student under paragraph (1).

(e) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 245(a) (8 U.S.C. 1255(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien, who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, or who has an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1), may be adjusted by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, under such regulations as the Secretary or the Attorney General may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if—

“(A) the alien makes an application for such adjustment;

“(B) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa;

“(C) the alien is admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(D) an immigrant visa is immediately available to the alien at the time the application is filed.

“(2) STUDENT VISAS.—Notwithstanding the requirement under paragraph (1)(D), an alien may file an application for adjustment of status under this section if—

“(A) the alien has been issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv), or would have qualified for such nonimmigrant status if section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) had been enacted before such alien’s graduation;

“(B) the alien has earned an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics;

“(C) the alien is the beneficiary of a petition filed under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1); and

“(D) a fee of \$2,000 is remitted to the Secretary on behalf of the alien.

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.”.

(f) USE OF FEES.—

(1) JOB TRAINING; SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 286(s)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 80 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

(2) FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION.—Section 286(v)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 20 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

#### SEC. 508. VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES.

(a) ALIENS WITH CERTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES NOT SUBJECT TO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)), as amended by section 505, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and have been working in a related field in the United States under a non-immigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding their application for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

“(H) Aliens described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 203(b)(1)(A) or who have received a national interest waiver under section 203(b)(2)(B).

“(I) The spouse and minor children of an alien who is admitted as an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b).”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any visa application—



(A) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) filed on or after such date of enactment.

(b) LABOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 212(a)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) has an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an accredited university in the United States and is employed in a field related to such degree.”

(c) TEMPORARY WORKERS.—Section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(beginning with fiscal year 1992)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (vii), by striking “each succeeding fiscal year; or” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006;”; and

(ii) by adding after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) 115,000 in the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this clause; and

“(ix) the number calculated under paragraph (9) in each fiscal year after the year described in clause (viii); or”;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) has earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (10), (11), and (12), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) If the numerical limitation in paragraph (1)(A)—

“(A) is reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to 120 percent of the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year; or

“(B) is not reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year.”

(d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to any visa application—

(1) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) filed on or after such date of enactment.

**SA 3354.** Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 321, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and are employed in a field relating to science, technology, engineering, or math in the United States under a nonimmigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding the application of the alien for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

**SA 3355.** Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 320, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following:

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.

“(4) FILING IN CASES OF UNAVAILABLE VISA NUMBERS.—Subject to the limitation described in paragraph (3), if a supplemental petition fee is paid for a petition under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1), an application under paragraph (1) on behalf of an alien that is a beneficiary of the petition (including a spouse or child who is accompanying or following to join the beneficiary) may be filed without regard to the requirement under paragraph (1)(D).

“(5) PENDING APPLICATIONS.—Subject to the limitation described in paragraph (3), if a petition under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1) is pending or approved as of the date of enactment of this paragraph, on payment of the supplemental petition fee under that section, the alien that is the beneficiary of the petition may submit an application for adjustment of status under this subsection without regard to the requirement under paragraph (1)(D).

“(6) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS AND ADVANCED PAROLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION.—The Attorney General shall—

“(A) provide to any immigrant who has submitted an application for adjustment of status under this subsection not less than 3 increments, the duration of each of which shall be not less than 3 years, for any applicable employment authorization or advanced parole travel document of the immigrant; and

“(B) adjust each applicable fee payment schedule in accordance with the increments provided under subparagraph (A) so that 1 fee for each authorization or document is required for each 3-year increment.”

On page 324, after line 22, insert the following:

(e) TEMPORARY WORKER VISA DURATION.—Section 106 of the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-First Century Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-313; 114 Stat. 1254) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) EXTENSION OF H-1B WORKER STATUS.—The Attorney General shall—

“(1) extend the stay of an alien who qualifies for an exemption under subsection (a) in not less than 3 increments, the duration of each of which shall be not less than 3 years, until such time as a final decision is made with respect to the lawful permanent residence of the alien; and

“(2) adjust each applicable fee payment schedule in accordance with the increments provided under paragraph (1) so that 1 fee is required for each 3-year increment.”

**SA 3356.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 11, strike line 13 through page 13, line 21, and insert the following:

#### SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.

To facilitate the flow of trade, commerce, tourism, and legal immigration, the Secretary shall—

(1) at locations to be determined by the Secretary, increase by at least 25 percent, the number of ports of entry along the southwestern international border of the United States;

(2) increase the ports of entry along the northern international land border as needed; and

(3) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.

(a) TUCSON SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) YUMA SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) OTHER SECTORS.—

(1) REINFORCED FENCING.—The Secretary shall construct a double- or triple-layered fence

(A) extending from 10 miles west of the Tecate, California, port of entry to 10 miles east of the Tecate, California, port of entry;

(B) extending from 10 miles west of the Calexico, California, port of entry to 5 miles east of the Douglas, Arizona, port of entry;

(C) extending from 5 miles west of the Columbus, New Mexico, port of entry to 10 miles east of El Paso, Texas;

(D) extending from 5 miles northwest of the Del Rio, Texas, port of entry to 5 miles southeast of the Eagle Pass, Texas, port of entry; and

(E) extending 15 miles northwest of the Laredo, Texas, port of entry to the Brownsville, Texas, port of entry.

(d) CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a), (b) and (c), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing



the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a), (b) and (c).

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SA 3357.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 11, strike line 13 through page 13, line 21, and insert the following:

**“SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

To facilitate the flow of trade, commerce, tourism, and legal immigration, the Secretary shall—

(1) at locations to be determined by the Secretary, increase by at least 25 percent, the number of ports of entry along the southwestern international border of the United States;

(2) increase the ports of entry along the northern international land border as needed; and

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(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) **YUMA SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) **OTHER SECTORS.**—

(1) **REINFORCED FENCING.**—The Secretary shall construct not less than 700 additional miles of double- or triple-layered fencing at strategic locations along the southwest international border to be determined by the Secretary.

(2) **PRIORITY AREAS.**—In determining strategic locations under paragraph (c)(1), the Secretary shall prioritize, to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) areas with the highest illegal alien apprehension rates; and

(B) areas with the highest human and drug trafficking rates, in the determination of the Secretary.

(d) **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) (b) and (c), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) (b) and (c).

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.”

**SA 3358.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**TITLE VII—IMMIGRATION LITIGATION REDUCTION**

**SEC. 701. CONSOLIDATION OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS.**

(a) **REAPPORTIONMENT OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.**—The table in section 44(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the item relating to the Federal Circuit by striking “12” and inserting “15”.

(b) **REVIEW OF ORDERS OF REMOVAL.**—Section 242(b) (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking the first sentence and inserting “The petition for review shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”;

(2) in paragraph (5)(B), by adding at the end the following: “Any appeal of a decision by the district court under this paragraph shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”; and

(3) in paragraph (7), by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) **CONSEQUENCE OF INVALIDATION AND VENUE OF APPEALS.**—

“(i) **INVALIDATION.**—If the district court rules that the removal order is invalid, the court shall dismiss the indictment for violation of section 243(a).

“(ii) **APPEALS.**—The United States Government may appeal a dismissal under clause (i) to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit within 30 days after the date of the dismissal. If the district court rules that the removal order is valid, the defendant may appeal the district court decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit within 30 days after the date of completion of the criminal proceeding.”.

(c) **REVIEW OF ORDERS REGARDING INADMISSABLE ALIENS.**—Section 242(e) (8 U.S.C. 1252(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) **VENUE.**—The petition to appeal any decision by the district court pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”.

(d) **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**—Section 242(g) (8 U.S.C. 1252(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Except”; and inserting the following:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **APPEALS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review a district

court order arising from any action taken, or proceeding brought, to remove or exclude an alien from the United States, including a district court order granting or denying a petition for writ of habeas corpus.”.

(e) **JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.**—

(1) **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**—Section 1295(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(15) of an appeal to review a final administrative order or a district court decision arising from any action taken, or proceeding brought, to remove or exclude an alien from the United States.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such section 1295(a) is further amended—

(A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”; and

(B) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “and”.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including the hiring of additional attorneys for the such Court.

(g) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect upon the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to any final agency order or district court decision entered on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 702. CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.**

(a) **BRIEFS.**—Section 242(b)(3)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)(3)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

“(C) **BRIEFS.**—

“(i) **ALIEN'S BRIEF.**—The alien shall serve and file a brief in connection with a petition for judicial review not later than 40 days after the date on which the administrative record is available. The court may not extend this deadline except upon motion for good cause shown. If an alien fails to file a brief within the time provided in this subparagraph, the court shall dismiss the appeal unless a manifest injustice would result.

“(ii) **UNITED STATES BRIEF.**—The United States shall not be afforded an opportunity to file a brief in response to the alien's brief until a judge issues a certificate of reviewability as provided in subparagraph (D), unless the court requests the United States to file a reply brief prior to issuing such certification.”.

(b) **CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.**—Section 242(b)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1252 (b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(D) **CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.**—

“(i) After the alien has filed a brief, the petition for review shall be assigned to one judge on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

“(ii) Unless such judge issues a certificate of reviewability, the petition for review shall be denied and the United States may not file a brief.

“(iii) Such judge may not issue a certificate of reviewability under clause (ii) unless the petitioner establishes a prima facie case that the petition for review should be granted.

“(iv) Such judge shall complete all action on such certificate, including rendering judgment, not later than 60 days after the date on which the judge is assigned the petition for review, unless an extension is granted under clause (v).

“(v) Such judge may grant, on the judge's own motion or on the motion of a party, an extension of the 60-day period described in clause (iv) if—



“(I) all parties to the proceeding agree to such extension; or

“(II) such extension is for good cause shown or in the interests of justice, and the judge states the grounds for the extension with specificity.

“(vi) If no certificate of reviewability is issued before the end of the period described in clause (iv), including any extension under clause (v), the petition for review shall be denied, any stay or injunction on petitioner’s removal shall be dissolved without further action by the court or the Government, and the alien may be removed.

“(vii) If such judge issues a certificate of reviewability under clause (ii), the Government shall be afforded an opportunity to file a brief in response to the alien’s brief. The alien may serve and file a reply brief not later than 14 days after service of the Government brief, and the court may not extend this deadline except upon motion for good cause shown.

“(E) NO FURTHER REVIEW OF DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.—The decision of a judge on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals not to issue a certificate of reviewability or to deny a petition for review, shall be the final decision for the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and may not be reconsidered, reviewed, or reversed by the such Court through any mechanism or procedure.”.

**SA 3359.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 11, strike lines 13 through 20 and insert the following:

#### **SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

To facilitate the flow of trade, commerce, tourism, and legal immigration, the Secretary shall—

(1) at locations to be determined by the Secretary, increase by at least 25 percent the number of ports of entry along the southwestern border of the United States;

(2) increase the ports of entry along the northern international land border as needed; and

(3) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

On page 13, between lines 5 and 6 insert the following:

#### **(c) OTHER SECTORS.—**

(1) **REINFORCED FENCING.**—The Secretary shall construct not less than 700 additional miles of double- or triple-layered fencing at strategic locations along the southwest border to be determined by the Secretary.

(2) **PRIORITY AREAS.**—In determining strategic locations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prioritize, to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) areas with the highest illegal alien apprehension rates; and

(B) areas with the highest human and drug trafficking rates, in the determination of the Secretary.

On page 13, line 6, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

On page 13, line 11, strike “(d)” and insert “(e)”.

On page 13, line 18, strike “(e)” and insert “(f)”.

**SA 3360.** Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for

comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 248, line 11, insert “**AND WIDOWS**” after “**CHILDREN**”.

On page 249, line 3, insert “or, if married for less than 2 years at the time of the citizen’s death, proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the marriage was entered into in good faith and not solely for the purpose of obtaining an immigration benefit,” after “death”.

On page 249, after line 25, add the following:

#### **(c) TRANSITION PERIOD.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In applying clause (iii) of section 201(b)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (a), to an alien whose citizen relative died before the date of the enactment of this Act, the alien relative may (notwithstanding the deadlines specified in such clause) file the classification petition under section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) of such Act not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE.**—If an alien was excluded, deported, removed or departed voluntarily before the date of the enactment of this Act based solely upon the alien’s lack of classification as an immediate relative (as defined by 201(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) due to the citizen’s death—

(A) such alien shall be eligible for parole into the United States pursuant to the Attorney General’s discretionary authority under section 212(d)(5) of such Act; and

(B) such alien’s application for adjustment of status shall be considered notwithstanding section 212(a)(9) of such Act.

(d) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—Section 245 (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n) **APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS BY SURVIVING SPOUSES, PARENTS, AND CHILDREN.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any alien described in paragraph (2) who applies for adjustment of status before the death of the qualifying relative, may have such application adjudicated as if such death had not occurred.

“(2) **ALIEN DESCRIBED.**—An alien is described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an immediate relative (as described in section 201(b)(2)(A));

“(B) is a family-sponsored immigrant (as described in subsection (a) or (d) of section 203);

“(C) is a derivative beneficiary of an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b) (as described in section 203(d)); or

“(D) is a derivative beneficiary of a diversity immigrant (as described in section 203(c)).”.

#### **(e) TRANSITION PERIOD.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding a denial of an application for adjustment of status for an alien whose qualifying relative died before the date of the enactment of this Act, such application may be renewed by the alien through a motion to reopen, without fee, if such motion is filed not later than 2 years after such date of enactment.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE.**—If an alien was excluded, deported, removed or departed voluntarily before the date of the enactment of this Act—

(A) such alien shall be eligible for parole into the United States pursuant to the Attorney General’s discretionary authority under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

(B) such alien’s application for adjustment of status shall be considered notwithstanding section 212(a)(9) of such Act.

(f) **PROCESSING OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.**—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154) is amended—

(1) by striking “After an investigation” and inserting the following:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—After an investigation”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **DEATH OF QUALIFYING RELATIVE.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any alien described in paragraph (2) whose qualifying relative died before the completion of immigrant visa processing may have an immigrant visa application adjudicated as if such death had not occurred. An immigrant visa issued before the death of the qualifying relative shall remain valid after such death.

“(B) **ALIEN DESCRIBED.**—An alien is described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(i) is an immediate relative (as described in section 201(b)(2)(A));

“(ii) is a family-sponsored immigrant (as described in subsection (a) or (d) of section 203);

“(iii) is a derivative beneficiary of an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b) (as described in section 203(d)); or

“(iv) is a derivative beneficiary of a diversity immigrant (as described in section 203(c)).”.

(g) **NATURALIZATION.**—Section 319(a) (8 U.S.C. 1429(a)) is amended by inserting “(or, if the spouse is deceased, the spouse was a citizen of the United States)” after “citizen of the United States”.

**SA 3361.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title III and insert the following:

### **TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

#### **SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

#### **“SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

“(a) **MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reckless disregard, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) **CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.**—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) **USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.**—Any employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A). Any employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange to obtain the labor of a person in the United States shall be in violation of paragraph (1)(B) unless—

“(A) the employer includes in the contract or subcontract or other binding agreement a requirement that the person hiring the alien shall comply with this section and keep records necessary to demonstrate compliance with this section; and



“(B) the employer exercises reasonable diligence to ensure that person complies with this section.

“(4) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) by complying with the requirements of subsection (c).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall verify that the individual is eligible for such employment by meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(iv) REGISTRATION OF EMPLOYERS.—An employer shall register the employer's participation in the System in the manner prescribed by the Secretary prior to the date the employer is required or permitted to submit information with respect to an employee under paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (d).

“(v) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which bears the legend ‘not valid for employment’ or ‘valid for work only with DHS authorization’).

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that satisfies the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) employee identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency or department of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iii) in the case of an individual who is unable to obtain a document described in clause (i) or (ii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification;

“(II) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is

being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, or to be recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall be designated as copied documents and reflect the signature of the employer and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.



“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

#### “(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

#### “(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual’s identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

#### “(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 business days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) EXTENSION OF TIME.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, may extend the 10-day period described in clause (i) for no more than 180 days if the information needed to resolve an initial negative response cannot be obtained by or submitted to the Secretary or the Commissioner and verified or entered into the System within such 10-day period.

“(iii) AUTOMATIC EXTENSION.—If the most recent previous report submitted by the Comptroller General of the United States under paragraph (12) includes an assessment that the System is not able to issue, during a period that averages 10 days or less, a final notice in at least 99 percent of the cases in which the notice relates to an individual who is eligible for employment in the United States, the Secretary shall automatically extend the 10-day period referred to in clause (i) to a period of not less than 180 days.

“(iv) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer;

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is inoperable;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability;

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from using the System to engage in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status; and

“(vii) to establish a process to allow an individual to verify the individual’s employment eligibility prior to obtaining or changing employment to facilitate the updating and correction of information used by the System.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The responsibilities of the Commissioner of Social Security with respect to the System are set out in section 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer is consistent with such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraph (4), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired prior to, on, or after such date of enactment if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on critical infrastructure, national security, or homeland security needs.

“(B) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—The Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer on or after the date that is 18 months after the date that funds are appropriated and made available to the Secretary to implement this subsection.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary

has the authority, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, if the Secretary has reasonable causes to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.

“(5) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in paragraphs (3) and (4) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

#### “(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System shall, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual’s name and date of birth;

“(II) the individual’s social security account number; and

“(III) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such alien identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require;

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) INITIAL INQUIRY.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

#### “(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and shall provide the individual with detailed information about the right to contest the tentative nonconfirmation and the procedures



established by the Secretary and the Commissioner of Social Security for contesting such nonconfirmation.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 business days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice under procedures prescribed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioners of Social Security, not later than 10 business days after receiving the notice from the individual’s employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(iii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than such tentative nonconfirmation.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the right of an individual who claims to be a national of the United States to pursue that claim as provided for in section 360(a).

“(9) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(10) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under any provision of law.

“(11) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection with respect to

completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(12) ANNUAL GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

“(A) REQUIREMENT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an annual study of the System.

“(B) PURPOSE.—The study shall evaluate the accuracy, integrity, and impact of the System.

“(C) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings of the study carried out under this paragraph. Such report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

“(i) An assessment of System performance with respect to the rate at which individuals who are eligible for employment in the United States are correctly approved within 10 days, including the assessment described in paragraph (2)(C)(iii).

“(ii) An assessment of the privacy and security of the System and its impact on identity fraud or the misuse of personal data.

“(iii) An assessment of the impact of the System on the employment of unauthorized aliens and employment discrimination based on national origin or citizenship.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of such complaints that the Secretary determines are appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of other violations of subsection (a) that the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary’s intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORDKEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.



“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—

“(1) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under

this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) WAIVER.—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternate action under this subparagraph shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) SUSPENSION.—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension pre-

scribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—

“(1) DOCUMENTATION.—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) PREEMPTION.—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) requiring as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.

“(j) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—

(A) REPEAL OF BASIC PILOT.—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a note) are repealed.

(B) REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(i) REPORT ON EARNINGS OF ALIENS NOT AUTHORIZED TO WORK.—Subsection (c) of section 290 (8 U.S.C. 1360) is repealed.

(ii) REPORT ON FRAUDULENT USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS.—Subsection (b) of section 414 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1360 note) is repealed.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a note) in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—Sections 218(i)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1188(i)(1)), 245(c)(8) (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)(8)), 274(a)(3)(B)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)(3)(B)(i)), and 274B(a)(1) (8 U.S.C.



1324b(a)(1)) are amended by striking “274A(h)(3)” and inserting “274A”.

(2) DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Section 274B (8 U.S.C. 1324b) is amended—

(A) in subsections (a)(6) and (g)(2)(B), by striking “274A(b)” and inserting “274A(d)”;

and

(B) in subsection (g)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “274A(b)(5)” and inserting “274A(d)”.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(I)(i) The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to subsection (d) of section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (referred to in this subparagraph as the ‘System’), within the time periods required by paragraphs (2)(B) and (2)(C) of such subsection—

“(I) a determination of whether the name and social security account number of an individual provided in an inquiry made to the System by an employer is consistent with such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(II) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to such individual;

“(III) determination of the citizenship status associated with such name and social security account number, according to the records maintained by the Commissioner;

“(IV) a determination of whether the name and number belongs to an individual who is deceased, according to the records maintained by the Commissioner;

“(V) a determination of whether the name and number is blocked in accordance with clause (ii); and

“(VI) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice described in such paragraph (2)(B) or (2)(C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employees through the System.

“(ii) The Commissioner of Social Security shall prevent the fraudulent or other misuse of a social security account number by establishing procedures under which an individual who has been assigned a social security account number may block the use of such number under the System and remove such block.

“(J) In assigning social security account numbers to aliens who are authorized to work in the United States under section 218A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall, to the maximum extent practicable, assign such numbers by employing the enumeration procedure administered jointly by the Commissioner, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary.”.

(e) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTITY INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(l) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(21) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTITY INFORMATION BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—From taxpayer identity information which has been disclosed to the Social Security Administration and upon written request by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commissioner of Social Security shall disclose directly to officers, employees, and contractors of the Department of Homeland Security the following information:

“(i) DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYER NO MATCH NOTICES.—Taxpayer identity information of

each person who has filed an information return required by reason of section 6051 who has received written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security during calendar year 2005, 2006, or 2007 that such person reported remuneration on such a return—

“(I) with more than 100 names and taxpayer identifying numbers of employees (within the meaning of such section) that did not match the records maintained by the Commissioner of Social Security, or

“(II) with more than 10 names of employees (within the meaning of such section) with the same taxpayer identifying number.

“(ii) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING USE OF DUPLICATE EMPLOYEE TAXPAYER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—Taxpayer identity information of each person who has filed an information return required by reason of section 6051 which the Commissioner of Social Security has reason to believe is the result of identity fraud due to the use by multiple persons filing such returns of the same taxpayer identifying number (assigned under section 6109) of an employee (within the meaning of section 6051).

“(iii) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING NONPARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS.—Taxpayer identity information of each person who has filed an information return required by reason of section 6051 and for which the Commissioner of Social Security has reason to believe is not recorded as participating in the Electronic Employment Verification System authorized under section 274A(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as the ‘System’).

“(iv) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING NEW EMPLOYEES OF NONPARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS.—Upon certification by the Secretary of Homeland Security that each person identified by such request based on the records of the Department of Homeland Security is not recorded as participating in the System, taxpayer identity information of all employees (within the meaning of section 6051) of such person hired after the date which such person is required to participate in the System under section 274A(d)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

“(v) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED EMPLOYERS.—Upon certification by the Secretary of Homeland Security that each person identified by such request based on the records of the Department of Homeland Security is designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A(d)(3)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or is required by the Secretary of Homeland Security to participate in the System under section 274A(d)(4)(B) of such Act, taxpayer identity information of all employees (within the meaning of section 6051) of such person.

“(vi) DISCLOSURE OF NEW HIRE TAXPAYER IDENTITY INFORMATION.—Taxpayer identity information of each person participating in the System and taxpayer identity information of all employees (within the meaning of section 6051) of such person hired during the period beginning with the later of—

“(I) the earlier of the date such person volunteers to participate in the System or the date such person is required to participate in the System, or

“(II) the date of the request immediately preceding the most recent request under this clause.

“(B) RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall disclose taxpayer identity information under subparagraph (A) only for purposes of, and to the extent necessary in—

“(i) establishing and enforcing employer participation in the System,

“(ii) carrying out, including through civil administrative and civil judicial proceedings, of sections 212, 217, 235, 237, 238, 274A, and 274C of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and

“(iii) the civil operation of the Alien Terrorist Removal Court.

“(C) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall prescribe a reasonable fee schedule for furnishing taxpayer identity information under this paragraph and collect such fees in advance from the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(D) TERMINATION.—This paragraph shall not apply to any request made after the date which is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph.”.

(2) COMPLIANCE BY DHS CONTRACTORS WITH CONFIDENTIALITY SAFEGUARDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 6103(p) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) DISCLOSURE TO DHS CONTRACTORS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no return or return information shall be disclosed to any contractor of the Department of Homeland Security unless such Department, to the satisfaction of the Secretary—

“(A) has requirements in effect which require each such contractor which would have access to returns or return information to provide safeguards (within the meaning of paragraph (4)) to protect the confidentiality of such returns or return information,

“(B) agrees to conduct an on-site review every 3 years (mid-point review in the case of contracts or agreements of less than 1 year in duration) of each contractor to determine compliance with such requirements,

“(C) submits the findings of the most recent review conducted under subparagraph (B) to the Secretary as part of the report required by paragraph (4)(E), and

“(D) certifies to the Secretary for the most recent annual period that such contractor is in compliance with all such requirements. The certification required by subparagraph (D) shall include the name and address of each contractor, a description of the contract or agreement with such contractor, and the duration of such contract or agreement.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 6103(a)(3) of such Code is amended by striking “or (20)” and inserting “(20), or (21)”.

(B) Section 6103(p)(3) of such Code is amended by striking “or (18)” and inserting “(18), or (21)”.

(C) Section 6103(p)(4) of such Code is amended—

(i) by striking “or (17)” both places it appears and inserting “(17), or (21)”, and

(ii) by striking “or (20)” each place it appears and inserting “(20), or (21)”.

(D) Section 6103(p)(8)(B) of such Code is amended by inserting “or paragraph (9)” after “subparagraph (A)”.

(E) Section 7213(a)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “or (20)” and inserting “(20), or (21)”.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary to carry out the amendments made by this section.

(2) LIMITATION ON VERIFICATION RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security is authorized to perform activities with respect to carrying out the Commissioner's responsibilities in this title or the amendments made by this title, but only to the extent the Secretary of Homeland Security has provided, in advance, funds to cover the Commissioner's full costs in carrying out such responsibilities. In no case shall funds



from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund be used to carry out such responsibilities.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) SUBSECTION (e).—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (e) shall apply to disclosures made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) CERTIFICATIONS.—The first certification under section 6103(p)(9)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by subsection (e)(2), shall be made with respect to calendar year 2007.

#### SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

“(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) PURPOSE.—Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

“(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

#### SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.

(a) WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF INVESTIGATORS.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) USE OF ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.—The Secretary shall ensure that not less than 20 percent of all the hours expended by personnel of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department to enforce the immigration and customs laws shall be used to enforce compliance with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a), as amended by section 301(a).

(b) FRAUD DETECTION.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigration fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

**SA 3362.** Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### TITLE VII—IMMIGRATION LITIGATION REDUCTION

##### Subtitle A—Appeals and Review

#### SEC. 701. ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL.

(a) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—

(1) TRIAL ATTORNEYS.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of General Counsel of the Department who represent the Department in immigration matters by not less than 100 above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during each preceding fiscal year.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—

(1) LITIGATION ATTORNEYS.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of Immigration Litigation of the Department of Justice.

(2) UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of attorneys in the United States Attorneys' office to litigate immigration cases in the Federal courts.

(3) IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose—

(A) increase by not less than 20 the number of full-time immigration judges compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year; and

(B) increase by not less than 80 the number of positions for personnel to support the immigration judges described in subparagraph (A) compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(4) STAFF ATTORNEYS.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose—

(A) increase by not less than 10 the number of positions for full-time staff attorneys in the Board of Immigration Appeals compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year; and

(B) increase by not less than 10 the number of positions for personnel to support the staff attorneys described in subparagraph (A) compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including the hiring of necessary support staff.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts

shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 50 the number of attorneys in the Federal Defenders Program who litigate criminal immigration cases in the Federal courts.

##### Subtitle B—Immigration Review Reform

#### SEC. 711. DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice described in section 1003.0 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation) shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

#### SEC. 712. BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS.

(a) COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the Board of Immigration Appeals of the Department of Justice described in section 1003.1 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation) (referred to in this section as the “Board”), shall be composed of a Chair and 22 other immigration appeals judges, appointed by the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in consultation with the Attorney General.

(b) TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—The term of appointment of each member of the Board shall be 6 years from the date upon which such person was appointed and qualified. Upon the expiration of a term of office, a Board member may continue to act until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(c) CURRENT MEMBERS.—Each individual who is serving as a member of the Board on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be appointed to the Board utilizing a system of staggered terms of appointment based on seniority.

(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the Board, including the Chair, shall—

(1) be an attorney in good standing of a bar of a State or the District of Columbia;

(2) have at least—

(A) 7 years of professional, legal expertise; or

(B) 5 years of professional, legal expertise in immigration and nationality law; and

(3) meet the minimum qualification requirements of an administrative law judge under title 5, United States Code.

(e) DUTIES OF THE CHAIR.—The Chair of the Board, subject to the supervision of the Director, shall—

(1) be responsible, on behalf of the Board, for the administrative operations of the Board and shall have the power to appoint such administrative assistants, attorneys, clerks, and other personnel as may be needed for that purpose;

(2) direct, supervise, and establish internal operating procedures and policies of the Board;

(3) designate a member of the Board to act as Chair if the Chair is absent or unavailable;

(4) adjudicate cases as a member of the Board;

(5) form 3-member panels as provided by subsection (i);

(6) direct that a case be heard en banc as provided by subsection (j); and

(7) exercise such other authorities as the Director may provide.

(f) BOARD MEMBERS DUTIES.—In deciding a case before the Board, the Board—

(1) shall exercise independent judgment and discretion; and

(2) may take any action that is appropriate and necessary for the disposition of such case that is consistent with the authority provided in this section and any regulations established in accordance with this section.

(g) JURISDICTION.—



(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals described in section 1003.1(b) of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation).

(2) LIMITATION.—The Board shall not have jurisdiction to hear an appeal of a decision of an immigration judge for an order of removal entered in absentia.

(h) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—

(1) FINDINGS OR FACT.—The Board shall—

(A) accept findings of fact determined by an immigration judge, including findings as to the credibility of testimony, unless the findings are clearly erroneous; and

(B) give due deference to an immigration judge's application of the law to the facts.

(2) QUESTIONS OF LAW.—The Board shall review de novo questions of law, discretion, and judgment, and all other issues in appeals from decisions of immigration judges.

(3) APPEALS FROM OFFICERS' DECISIONS.—The Board shall review de novo all questions arising in appeals from decisions issued by officers of the Department.

(4)(A) PROHIBITION ON FACT FINDING.—Except for taking administrative notice of commonly known facts such as current events or the contents of official documents, the Board may not engage in fact-finding in the course of deciding appeals.

(B) REMAND.—A party asserting that the Board cannot properly resolve an appeal without further fact-finding shall file a motion for remand. If further fact-finding is needed in a case, the Board shall remand the proceeding to the immigration judge or, as appropriate, to the Secretary.

(i) PANELS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (5) all cases shall be subject to review by a 3-member panel. The Chair shall divide the Board into 3-member panels and designate a presiding member.

(2) AUTHORITY.—Each panel may exercise the appropriate authority of the Board that is necessary for the adjudication of cases before it.

(3) QUORUM.—Two members appointed to a panel shall constitute a quorum for such panel.

(4) CHANGES IN COMPOSITION.—The Chair may from time to time make changes in the composition of a panel and of the presiding member of a panel.

(5) PRESIDING MEMBER DECISIONS.—The presiding member of a panel may act alone on any motion as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (k) and may not otherwise dismiss or determine an appeal as a single Board member.

(j) EN BANC PROCESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may on its own motion, by a majority vote of the Board members, or by direction of the Chair—

(A) consider any case as the full Board en banc; or

(B) reconsider as the full Board en banc any case that has been considered or decided by a 3-member panel or by a limited en banc panel.

(2) QUORUM.—A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum of the Board sitting en banc.

(k) DECISIONS OF THE BOARD.—

(1) BINDING DECISIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A precedent decision of the Board shall be binding on the Secretary and the immigration judges unless such decision is modified or reversed by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or by the United States Supreme Court.

(B) APPEAL BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, may appeal a decision of the Board under this section to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

(2) AFFIRMANCE WITHOUT OPINION.—Upon individualized review of a case, the Board may affirm the decision of an immigration judge without opinion only if—

(A) the decision of the immigration judge resolved all issues in the case;

(B) the issue on appeal is squarely controlled by existing Board or Federal court precedent and does not involve the application of precedent to a novel fact situation;

(C) the factual and legal questions raised on appeal are so insubstantial that the case does not warrant the issuance of a written opinion in the case; and

(D) the Board approves both the result reached in the decision below and all of the reasoning of that decision.

(3) SUMMARY DISMISSAL OF APPEALS.—The 3-member panel or the presiding member acting alone may summarily dismiss any appeal or portion of any appeal in any case which—

(A) the party seeking the appeal fails to specify the reasons for the appeal;

(B) the only reason for the appeal specified by such party involves a finding of fact or a conclusion of law that was conceded by that party at a prior proceeding;

(C) the appeal is from an order that granted such party the relief that had been requested;

(D) the appeal is determined to be filed for an improper purpose, such as to cause unnecessary delay; or

(E) the appeal lacks an arguable basis in fact or in law and is not supported by a good faith argument for extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.

(4) UNOPPOSED DISPOSITIONS.—The 3-member panel or the presiding member acting alone may—

(A) grant an unopposed motion or a motion to withdraw an appeal pending before the Board; or

(B) adjudicate a motion to remand any appeal—

(i) from the decision of an officer of the Department if the appropriate official of the Department requests that the matter be remanded back for further consideration;

(ii) if remand is required because of a defective or missing transcript; or

(iii) if remand is required for any other procedural or ministerial issue.

(5) NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL.—The decision by the Board shall include notice to the alien of the alien's right to file a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit within 30 days of the date of the decision.

#### SEC. 713. IMMIGRATION JUDGES.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF IMMIGRATION JUDGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the Chief Immigration Judge described in section 1003.9 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation) shall be appointed by the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in consultation with the Attorney General.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Immigration judges shall be appointed by the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in consultation with the Chief Immigration Judge and the Chair of the Board of Immigration Appeals.

(2) TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—The term of appointment of each immigration judge shall be 7 years from the date upon which such person was appointed and qualified. Upon the expiration of a term of office, the immigration judge may continue to act until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(3) CURRENT MEMBERS.—Each individual who is serving as an immigration judge on the date of the enactment of this Act shall

be appointed as an immigration judge utilizing a system of staggered terms of appointment based on seniority.

(4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each immigration judge, including the Chief Immigration Judge, shall be an attorney in good standing of a bar of a State or the District of Columbia and shall have at least 5 years of professional, legal expertise or at least 3 years professional or legal expertise in immigration and nationality law.

(c) JURISDICTION.—An Immigration judge shall have the authority to hear matters related to any removal proceeding pursuant to section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a) described in section 1240.1(a) of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation).

(d) DUTIES OF IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—In deciding a case, an immigration judge—

(1) shall exercise independent judgment and discretion; and

(2) may take any action that is appropriate and necessary for the disposition of such case that is consistent with their authorities under this section and regulations established in accordance with this section.

(e) REVIEW.—Decisions of immigration judges are subject to review by the Board of Immigration Appeals in any case in which the Board has jurisdiction.

#### SEC. 714. REMOVAL AND REVIEW OF JUDGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Immigration judges and members of the Board of Immigration Appeals may be removed from office, subject to review by the Merit Systems Protection Board, only for good cause—

(1) by the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, in the case of the removal of a member of the Board; or

(2) by the Director, in consultation with the Chief Immigration Judge, in the case of the removal of an immigration judge.

(b) INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT.—No immigration judge or member of the Board may be removed or otherwise subject to disciplinary or adverse action for their exercise of independent judgment and discretion as prescribed by this subtitle.

#### SEC. 715. LEGAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM.

(a) CONTINUED OPERATION.—The Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review shall continue to operate a legal orientation program to provide basic information about immigration court procedures for immigration detainees and shall expand the legal orientation program to provide such information on a nationwide basis.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out such legal orientation program.

#### SEC. 716. REGULATIONS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall issue regulations to implement this subtitle.

**SA 3363.** Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON H-2A VISAS.

Section 214(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)), as amended by sections 408(g) and 508(c)(1), is further amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(ix), by striking “or” at the end;



(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(3) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) may not exceed 90,000.”.

**SA 3364.** Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GRANTS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS RELATING TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.**

(a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary is authorized to award competitive grants to units of local government for innovative programs that address the increased expenses incurred in responding to the needs of undocumented immigrants.

(b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The Secretary may not award a grant under this section to a unit of local government in an amount which exceeds \$5,000,000.

(c) **USE OF GRANT FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under this section may be used for activities relating to the undocumented immigrant population residing in the locality, including—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) uncompensated health care;
- (3) public housing;
- (4) inmate transportation; and
- (5) reduction in jail overcrowding.

(d) **APPLICATION.**—Each unit of local government desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SA 3365.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING REIMBURSING STATES FOR THE COSTS OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds the following:

(1) It is the obligation of the Federal Government to adequately secure the borders of the United States and prevent the flow of undocumented immigrants into the United States.

(2) Despite the fact that, according to the Congressional Research Service, Border Patrol agents apprehend more than 1,000,000 individuals each year trying to illegally enter the United States, the net growth in the number of unauthorized immigrants entering the United States has increased by approximately 500,000 each year.

(3) The costs associated with incarcerating undocumented criminal immigrants and providing education and healthcare to undocumented immigrants place a tremendous financial burden on States and local governments.

(4) In 2003, States received compensation from the Federal Government, through the State criminal alien assistance program under section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)), for incarcerating approximately 74,000 undocumented criminal immigrants.

(5) In 2003, 700 local governments received compensation from the Federal Government, through the State criminal alien assistance program, for incarcerating approximately 138,000 undocumented criminal immigrants.

(6) It is estimated that Federal Government payments through the State criminal alien assistance program reimburse States and local governments for 25 percent or less of the actual costs of incarcerating the undocumented criminal immigrants.

(7) It is estimated that providing kindergarten through grade 12 education to undocumented immigrants costs States more than \$8,000,000,000 annually.

(8) It is further estimated that more than \$1,000,000,000 is spent on healthcare for undocumented immigrants each year.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) States should be fully reimbursed by the Federal Government for the costs associated with providing education and healthcare to undocumented immigrants; and

(2) the program authorized under section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) should be fully funded, for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012, at the levels authorized for such program under section 241(i)(5) of such Act (as amended by section 218(b)(2) of this Act).

**SA 3366.** Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 327, beginning on line 21, strike all through page 328, line 16, and insert the following:

“(c) **SPOUSES AND CHILDREN AND CERTAIN OTHER INDIVIDUALS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

“(1) adjust the status to that of a conditional nonimmigrant under this section for, or provide a nonimmigrant visa to, the spouse or child of an alien who is provided nonimmigrant status under this section;

“(2) adjust the status to that of a conditional nonimmigrant under this section for an alien who, before January 7, 2004, was the spouse or child of an alien who is provided conditional nonimmigrant status under this section, or is eligible for such status, if—

“(A) the termination of the qualifying relationship was connected to domestic violence; and

“(B) the spouse or child has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by the spouse or parent alien who is provided conditional nonimmigrant status under this section; or

“(3) adjust the status to that of a conditional immigrant under this section for an individual who was present in the United States on January 7, 2004, and is the national of a country designated at that time for protective status pursuant to section 244.

**SA 3367.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigra-

tion and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 32, line 7, before “The Secretary” insert the following: “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—”.

On page 32, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(b) **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM GRANTS.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection—

(A) the term “demonstration project” means the demonstration project established under paragraph (2)(A); and

(B) the term “emergency response provider” has the meaning given that term in section 2(6) the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101(6)).

(2) **IN GENERAL.**—

(A) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Department an “International Border Community Interoperable Communications Demonstration Project”.

(B) **MINIMUM NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES.**—The Secretary shall select not fewer than 6 communities to participate in a demonstration project.

(C) **LOCATION OF COMMUNITIES.**—Not fewer than 3 of the communities selected under subparagraph (B) shall be located on the northern border of the United States and not fewer than 3 of the communities selected under subparagraph (B) shall be located on the southern border of the United States.

(3) **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.**—The demonstration projects shall—

(A) address the interoperable communications needs of border patrol agents and other Federal officials involved in border security activities, police officers, National Guard personnel, and emergency response providers;

(B) foster interoperable communications—

- (i) among Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies in the United States involved in security and response activities along the international land borders of the United States; and
- (ii) with similar agencies in Canada and Mexico;

(C) identify common international cross-border frequencies for communications equipment, including radio or computer messaging equipment;

(D) foster the standardization of interoperable communications equipment;

(E) identify solutions that will facilitate communications interoperability across national borders expeditiously;

(F) ensure that border patrol agents and other Federal officials involved in border security activities, police officers, National Guard personnel, and emergency response providers can communicate with each other and the public at disaster sites or in the event of a terrorist attack or other catastrophic event;

(G) provide training and equipment to enable border patrol agents and other Federal officials involved in border security activities, police officers, National Guard personnel, and emergency response providers to deal with threats and contingencies in a variety of environments; and

(H) identify and secure appropriate joint-use equipment to ensure communications access.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall distribute funds under this subsection to each community participating in a demonstration project through the State, or States, in which each community is located.

(B) **OTHER PARTICIPANTS.**—Not later than 60 days after receiving funds under subparagraph (A), a State receiving funds under this subsection shall make the funds available to



the local governments and emergency response providers participating in a demonstration project selected by the Secretary.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary in each of fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008, to carry out this subsection.

(6) **REPORTING.**—Not later than December 31, 2006, and each year thereafter in which funds are appropriated for a demonstration project, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report on the demonstration projects under this subsection.

**SA 3368.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . EXPANSION OF THE JUSTICE PRISONER AND ALIEN TRANSFER SYSTEM.**

Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, shall issue a directive to expand the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transfer System (JPATS) so that such System provides regular daily services with respect to aliens who are illegally present in the United States. Such expansion should include—

(1) increasing and standardizing the daily operations of such System with buses and air hubs in 3 geographic regions;

(2) allocating a set number of seats each day for such aliens for each metropolitan area;

(3) allowing metropolitan areas to trade or give some of seats allocated to them under the System for such aliens to other areas in their region based on the transportation needs of each area; and

(4) requiring an annual report that analyzes the number of seats that each metropolitan area is allocated under this System for such aliens and modifies such allocation if necessary.

**SA 3369.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 332, strike lines 6 through 18, and insert the following:

“(1) **PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED STAY.**—The period of authorized stay for a conditional nonimmigrant described in this section shall be 2 years. The Secretary may extend such period for an unlimited number of 2-year periods if the alien remains eligible for conditional nonimmigrant classification and status under this section.

On page 335, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

“(h) **PROHIBITION ON ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—An alien granted conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status under this section and the spouse of such alien are ineligible for any additional adjustment of status. The child of such an alien may be granted a change of status under subtitle C of title VI of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.

Strike section 602.

**SA 3370.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE SECURITY OF THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the net growth of 500,000 unauthorized aliens entering the United States each year, and the potential for terrorists to take advantage of the porous borders of the United States, represent a clear and present danger to the national security of the United States;

(2) the inability to secure the international borders of the United States has given rise to an immigration crisis that has profound social, legal, and political ramifications;

(3) while assessing the identity and location of the estimated 11,000,000 unauthorized aliens currently in the United States, the Federal Government must simultaneously act to secure the borders and prevent further illegal entry;

(4) the President of the United States should demonstrate the highest level of commitment to securing the land and sea borders of the United States by using all the resources at the disposal of the President, including—

(A) declaring that a state of emergency exists in States that share an international border with Mexico and Canada until such time as the President determines that—

(i) the additional resources and manpower provided under this Act are deployed; and

(ii) there is a significant reduction in the number of illegal aliens entering the United States;

(B) immediately deploying the Armed Forces, including the National Guard, to secure those international borders;

(C) requiring each Cabinet Secretary to detail the resources and capabilities that their respective Federal agencies have available for use in securing the land and sea borders of the United States; and

(D) facilitating the development of a program to enable all willing citizens of the United States to contribute to securing the land and sea borders of the United States; and

(5) the President of Mexico should be encouraged to use all authority within the power of the President of Mexico to secure the international border between the United States and Mexico from illegal crossings.

**SA 3371.** Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL CARDS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) United States citizens make approximately 130,000,000 land border crossings each year between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico, with approximately 23,000,000 individual United States citizens crossing the border annually.

(2) Approximately 27 percent of United States citizens possess United States passports.

(3) In fiscal year 2005, the Secretary of State issued an estimated 10,100,000 passports, representing an increase of 15 percent from fiscal year 2004.

(4) The Secretary of State estimates that 13,000,000 passports will be issued in fiscal year 2006, 16,000,000 passports will be issued in fiscal year 2007, and 17,000,000 passports will be issued in fiscal year 2008.

(b) **NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL CARDS.**—

(1) **ISSUANCE.**—In accordance with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative carried out pursuant to section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note), the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary, shall, not later than December 31, 2007, issue to a citizen of the United States who submits an application in accordance with paragraph (4) a travel document that will serve as a North American travel card.

(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—A North American travel card shall be deemed to be a United States passport for the purpose of United States laws and regulations relating to United States passports.

(3) **LIMITATION ON USE.**—A North American travel card may only be used for the purpose of international travel by United States citizens through land border ports of entry, including ferries, between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico.

(4) **APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE.**—To be issued a North American travel card, a United States citizen shall submit an application to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall require that such application shall contain the same information as is required to determine citizenship, identity, and eligibility for issuance of a United States passport.

(5) **TECHNOLOGY.**—

(A) **EXPEDITED TRAVELER PROGRAMS.**—To the maximum extent practicable, a North American travel card shall be designed and produced to provide a platform on which the expedited traveler programs carried out by the Secretary, such as NEXUS, NEXUS AIR, SENTRI, FAST, and Register Traveler may be added. The Secretary of State and the Secretary shall notify Congress not later than July 1, 2007, if the technology to add expedited travel features to the North American travel card is not developed by that date.

(B) **TECHNOLOGY.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State shall establish a technology implementation plan that accommodates desired technology requirements of the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security, allows for future technological innovations, and ensures maximum facilitation at the northern and southern border.

(6) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR CARD.**—A North American travel card shall be easily portable and durable. The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult regarding the other technical specifications of the card, including whether the security features of the card could be combined with other existing identity documentation.

(7) **FEE.**—Except as is provided in paragraph (8), an applicant for a North American travel card shall submit an application under paragraph (4) together with a nonrefundable fee in an amount to be determined by the Secretary of State. Fees for a North American travel card shall be deposited as an offsetting collection to the appropriate Department of State appropriation, to remain available until expended. The fee for the North American travel card shall not exceed



\$20, of which not more than \$2 shall be allocated to the United States Postal Service for postage and other application processing functions. Such fee shall be waived for children under 16 years of age.

(c) **FOREIGN COOPERATION.**—In order to maintain and encourage cross-border travel and trade, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall use all possible means to coordinate with the appropriate representatives of foreign governments to encourage their citizens and nationals to possess, not later than the date at which the certification required by subsection (j) is made, appropriate documentation to allow such citizens and nationals to cross into the United States.

(d) **PUBLIC PROMOTION.**—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall develop and implement an outreach plan to inform United States citizens about the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and the North American travel card and to facilitate the acquisition of a passport or North American travel card. Such outreach plan should include—

(1) written notifications posted at or near public facilities, including border crossings, schools, libraries, and United States Post Offices located within 50 miles of the international border between the United States and Canada or the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) provisions to seek consent to post such notifications on commercial property, such as offices of State departments of motor vehicles, gas stations, supermarkets, convenience stores, hotels, and travel agencies;

(3) the establishment of at least 200 new passport acceptance facilities, with emphasis on facilities located near international borders;

(4) the collection and analysis of data to measure the success of the public promotion plan; and

(5) additional measures as appropriate.

(e) **ACCESSIBILITY.**—In order to make the North American travel card easily obtainable, an application for a North American travel card shall be accepted in the same manner and at the same locations as an application for a passport.

(f) **EXPEDITED TRAVEL PROGRAMS.**—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall expand expedited traveler programs carried out by the Secretary to all ports of entry and should encourage citizens of the United States to participate in the preenrollment programs, as such programs assist border control officers of the United States in the fight against terrorism by increasing the number of known travelers crossing the border. The identities of such expedited travelers should be entered into a database of known travelers who have been subjected to in-depth background and watch-list checks to permit border control officers to focus more attention on unknown travelers, potential criminals, and terrorists.

(g) **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to give United States citizens as many secure, low-cost options as possible for travel within the Western Hemisphere, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall continue to pursue additional alternative options, such as NEXUS, to a passport that meet the requirements of section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note).

(2) **FEASIBILITY STUDY.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Congressional Budget Office shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on International Relations of the

House of Representatives, a study on the feasibility of incorporating into a driver's license, on a voluntary basis, information about citizenship, in a manner that enables a driver's license which meets the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13) to serve as an acceptable alternative document to meet the requirements of section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act. Such study shall include a description of how such a program could be implemented, and shall consider any cost advantage of such an approach.

(h) **IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall have appropriate authority to develop a process to ascertain the identity of and make admissibility determinations for individuals who arrive at the border without proper documentation.

(i) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting, altering, modifying, or otherwise affecting the validity of a United States passport. A United States citizen may possess a United States passport and a North American travel card.

(j) **CERTIFICATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not implement the plan described in section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note) until the date that is 3 months after the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security certify to Congress that—

(1) North American travel cards have been distributed to at least 90 percent of the eligible United States citizens who applied for such cards during the 6-month period beginning not earlier than the date the Secretary of State began accepting applications for such cards and ending not earlier than 10 days prior to the date of certification;

(2) North American travel cards are provided to applicants, on average, within 4 weeks of application;

(3) officers of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection have received training and been provided the infrastructure necessary to accept North American travel cards at all United States border crossings;

(4) the outreach plan described in subsection (d) has been implemented and deemed to have been successful according to collected data; and

(5) a successful pilot has demonstrated the effectiveness of the North American travel card program.

(k) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **REPORTS ON THE ISSUANCE OF NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL CARDS.**—The Secretary of State shall, on a quarterly basis during the first year of issuance of North American travel cards, submit to Congress a report containing information relating to the number of North American travel cards issued during the immediately preceding quarter or year, as appropriate, and the number of United States citizens in each State applying for such cards.

(2) **REPORT ON PRIVATE COLLABORATION.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary shall report to Congress on their efforts to solicit policy suggestions and the incorporation of such suggestions into the implementation strategy from the private sector on the implementation of section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note). The report should include the private sector's recommendations concerning how air, sea, and land travel between countries in the Western Hemisphere can be improved in a manner that establishes the proper balance between

national security, economic well being, and the particular needs of border communities.

(l) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SA 3372.** Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 245, strike line 4 and insert the following:

“(x) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There

On page 245, strike line 11 and insert the following:

“218A and 218B.

“(2) USE OF FEES FOR GRANT PROGRAM.—Amounts deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account under paragraph (1) shall remain available to the Secretary until expended for use for the State Impact Assistance Grant Program established under paragraph (3)(A).

“(3) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.—

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1 of each year beginning after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’), shall establish a State Impact Assistance Grant Program, under which the Secretary shall make grants to States for use in accordance with subparagraph (D).

“(B) AVAILABLE FUNDS.—For each fiscal year beginning after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall use ½ of the amounts deposited into the State Impact Assistance Account under paragraph (1) during the preceding fiscal year to provide grants under this paragraph.

“(C) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate grants under this paragraph as follows:

“(i) NONCITIZEN POPULATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), 80 percent shall be allocated to States on a pro-rata basis according to the ratio that, based on the most recent year for which data of the Bureau of the Census exists—

“(aa) the noncitizen population of the State; bears to

“(bb) the noncitizen population of all States.

“(II) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding the formula under subclause (I), no State shall receive less than \$5,000,000 under this clause.

“(ii) HIGH GROWTH RATES.—20 percent shall be allocated on a pro-rata basis among the 20 States with the largest growth rate in noncitizen population, as determined by the Secretary, according to the ratio that, based on the most recent year for which data of the Bureau of the Census exists—

“(I) the growth rate in the noncitizen population of the State during the most recent 3-year period for which data is available; bears to

“(II) the combined growth rate in noncitizen population of the 20 States during the 3-year period described in subclause (I).

“(D) USE OF FUNDS.—A State shall use a grant received under this paragraph to return to local governments, organizations, and entities moneys for the costs of providing health services, educational services, and public safety services to noncitizen communities.



“(E) ADMINISTRATION.—A local government, organization, or entity may provide services described in subparagraph (D) directly or pursuant to contracts with the State or another entity, including—

“(i) a unit of local government;

“(ii) a public health provider, such as a hospital, community health center, or other appropriate entity;

“(iii) a local education agency; and

“(iv) a charitable organization.

“(F) REFUSAL.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A State may elect to refuse any grant under this paragraph.

“(ii) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—On receipt of notice of a State of an election under clause (i), the Secretary shall deposit the amount of the grant that would have been provided to the State into the State Impact Assistance Account.

“(G) REPORTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 of each year, each State that received a grant under this paragraph during the preceding fiscal year shall submit to the Secretary a report in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may require, in accordance with clause (ii).

“(ii) INCLUSIONS.—A report under clause (i) shall include a description of—

“(I) the services provided in the State using the grant;

“(II) the amount of grant funds used to provide each service and the total amount available during the applicable fiscal year from all sources to provide each service; and

“(III) the method by which the services provided using the grant addressed the needs of communities with significant and growing noncitizen populations in the State.

“(H) COLLABORATION.—In promulgating regulations and issuing guidelines to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary shall collaborate with representatives of State and local governments.

“(I) EFFECT OF PARAGRAPH.—

“(i) ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.—Nothing in this paragraph authorizes any State or local law enforcement agency or officer to exercise Federal immigration law enforcement authority.

“(ii) STATE APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds received by a State under this paragraph shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature of the State, in accordance with the terms and conditions described in this paragraph.”.

On page 245, line 22, insert “, to be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(w)” after “Labor”.

On page 333, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following:

“(4) COLLECTION OF FINES AND FEES.—Of the fines and fees collected under this section—

“(A) 50 percent shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(w); and

“(B) 50 percent shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(x).

On page 341, line 17, insert “, to be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(w)” before the period.

**SA 3373.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 231, strike lines 14 through 18 and insert the following:

“(3) FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking H-2C nonimmigrant status under this section shall submit, in addition to any fees otherwise authorized for processing an application under this section, a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100 for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding subsection (1), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

“(C) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

On page 245, strike lines 4 through 11 and insert the following:

“(x) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘State Impact Assistance Account’.

“(2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account—

“(A) all family supplemental visa and family supplemental extension of status fees collected under sections 218A and 218B; and

“(B) all supplemental application fees collected under subsections (c)(1)(F)(ii) and (g)(2) of section 218D.

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the State Impact Assistance Account under paragraph (2)(B) shall remain available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to provide financial assistance to health care providers for health and educational services to aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status under section 218A.

“(4) STATE ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall allocate funds among States in proportion to the number of aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status residing in each State.”.

On page 279, line 3, strike “and” and all that follows through “(5)” and insert the following:

(5) provide a minimum level of health care, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to nationals of the home country who are participating in a temporary worker program in the United States; and

(6)

On page 332, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following:

“(2) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall impose a fee for filing an application for a grant of status under this section. Such fee shall be sufficient to cover the administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the review of such applications.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking conditional nonimmigrant worker authorization and status under this section shall submit, in addition to the fee imposed under subparagraph (A), a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100, for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

**SA 3374.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and

for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 231, strike lines 14 through 18 and insert the following:

“(3) FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking H-2C nonimmigrant status under this section shall submit, in addition to any fees otherwise authorized for processing an application under this section, a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100 for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding subsection (1), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

“(C) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

On page 245, strike lines 4 through 11 and insert the following:

“(x) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘State Impact Assistance Account’.

“(2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account—

“(A) all family supplemental visa and family supplemental extension of status fees collected under sections 218A and 218B; and

“(B) all supplemental application fees collected under subsections (c)(1)(F)(ii) and (g)(2) of section 218D.

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the State Impact Assistance Account under paragraph (2)(B) shall remain available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to provide financial assistance to health care providers for health and educational services to aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status under section 218A.

“(4) STATE ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall allocate funds among States in proportion to the number of aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status residing in each State.”.

(6)

On page 332, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following:

“(2) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall impose a fee for filing an application for a grant of status under this section. Such fee shall be sufficient to cover the administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the review of such applications.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking conditional nonimmigrant worker authorization and status under this section shall submit, in addition to the fee imposed under subparagraph (A), a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100, for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

**SA 3375.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and



for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 332, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following:

“(2) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall impose a fee for filing an application for a grant of status under this section. Such fee shall be sufficient to cover the administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the review of such applications.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking conditional nonimmigrant worker authorization and status under this section shall submit, in addition to the fee imposed under subparagraph (A), a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100, for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

**SA 3376.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 231, strike lines 14 through 18 and insert the following:

“(3) FEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application.

“(B) HEALTH AND EDUCATION FEE.—Each alien seeking H-2C nonimmigrant status under this section shall submit, in addition to any fees otherwise authorized for processing an application under this section, a health and education fee in the amount of \$500, for the alien, and \$100 for the spouse and each child accompanying such alien. Notwithstanding subsection (1), the fee collected under this subparagraph shall be deposited in the State Impact Assistance Account established under section 286(x).

“(C) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

**SA 3377.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 245, strike lines 4 through 11 and insert the following:

“(x) STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘State Impact Assistance Account’.

“(2) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account—

“(A) all family supplemental visa and family supplemental extension of status fees collected under sections 218A and 218B; and

“(B) all supplemental application fees collected under subsections (c)(1)(F)(ii) and (g)(2) of section 218D.

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the State Impact Assistance Account under paragraph (2)(B) shall remain available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to provide financial assistance

to health care providers for health and educational services to aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status under section 218A.

“(4) STATE ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall allocate funds among States in proportion to the number of aliens granted conditional nonimmigrant status residing in each State.”.

**SA 3378.** Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 509. ENGLISH FLUENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Section 214(g)(5)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(5)(A)) is amended by striking “entity;” and inserting “entity, and has demonstrated a high proficiency in the spoken English language;”.

**SA 3379.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 279, line 3, strike “and” and all that follows through “(5)” and insert the following:

(5) provide a minimum level of health care, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to nationals of the home country who are participating in a temporary worker program in the United States; and

(6)

**SA 3380.** Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 276, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

“(A)(i) has been physically present in the United States for a continuous period of not less than 10 years immediately preceding the date of such application; and

“(ii)(I) is 65 years of age or older;

“(II) establishes that the alien’s departure from the United States upon the expiration of conditional nonimmigrant status would result in significant hardship to the alien’s spouse, parent, or child, who is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(III) establishes that the alien’s employer has designated the alien as a vital worker because the alien is vital to the operation of an existing and functioning business on the date of such application and—

“(aa) possesses the ability to operate a highly customized machine used in an inextricable part of the business operation; or

“(bb) possesses a very high degree of skill in manufacturing or agriculture, or creating products for a specific industry, and is recognized as such by well-established trade associations.

On page 276, line 5, insert after the word “visas,” (when allocations provided for under 203(b)(4))”

**SA 3381.** Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 276, strike line and all that follows through page 277, line 21.

**SA 3382.** Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

**TITLE —IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, RAIL, AND MARITIME SECURITY**

**Subtitle A—Public Transportation Security**

**SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This subtitle may be cited as the “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2006”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this subtitle is as follows:

Sec.—101. Short title; table of contents.

Sec.—102. Findings and purpose.

Sec.—103. Security assessments.

Sec.—104. Security assistance grants.

Sec.—105. Intelligence sharing.

Sec.—106. Research, development, and demonstration grants.

Sec.—107. Reporting requirements.

Sec.—108. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec.—109. Sunset provision.

**SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) public transportation systems throughout the world have been a primary target of terrorist attacks, causing countless death and injuries;

(2) 5,800 public transportation agencies operate in the United States;

(3) 14,000,000 people in the United States ride public transportation each work day;

(4) safe and secure public transportation systems are essential for the Nation’s economy and for significant national and international public events;

(5) the Federal Transit Administration has invested \$74,900,000,000 since 1992 for construction and improvements to the Nation’s public transportation systems;

(6) the Federal Government appropriately invested \$18,100,000,000 in fiscal years 2002 through 2005 to protect our Nation’s aviation system and its 1,800,000 daily passengers;

(7) the Federal Government has allocated \$250,000,000 in fiscal years 2003 through 2005 to protect public transportation systems in the United States;

(8) the Federal Government has invested \$7.38 in aviation security improvements per passenger, but only \$0.007 in public transportation security improvements per passenger;

(9) the Government Accountability Office, the Mineta Institute for Surface Transportation Policy Studies, the American Public Transportation Association, and many transportation experts have reported an urgent need for significant investment in public transportation security improvements; and

(10) the Federal Government has a duty to deter and mitigate, to the greatest extent practicable, threats against the Nation’s public transportation systems.

**SEC. 103. SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.**

(a) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the



Federal Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation shall submit all public transportation security assessments and all other relevant information to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(2) **REVIEW.**—Not later than July 31, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall review and augment the security assessments received under paragraph (1).

(3) **ALLOCATIONS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall use the security assessments received under paragraph (1) as the basis for allocating grant funds under section —104, unless the Secretary notifies the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate that the Secretary has determined that an adjustment is necessary to respond to an urgent threat or other significant factors.

(4) **SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES.**—Not later than September 30, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the management and employee representatives of each public transportation system for which a security assessment has been received under paragraph (1), shall establish security improvement priorities that will be used by public transportation agencies for any funding provided under section —104.

(5) **UPDATES.**—Not later than July 31, 2007, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(A) update the security assessments referred to in this subsection; and

(B) conduct security assessments of all public transportation agencies considered to be at greatest risk of a terrorist attack.

(b) **USE OF SECURITY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall use the information collected under subsection (a)—

(1) to establish the process for developing security guidelines for public transportation security; and

(2) to design a security improvement strategy that—

(A) minimizes terrorist threats to public transportation systems; and

(B) maximizes the efforts of public transportation systems to mitigate damage from terrorist attacks.

(c) **BUS AND RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.**—Not later than July 31, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct security assessments, appropriate to the size and nature of each system, to determine the specific needs of—

(1) local bus-only public transportation systems; and

(2) selected public transportation systems that receive funds under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

#### SEC. 104. SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

(a) **CAPITAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall award grants directly to public transportation agencies for allowable capital security improvements based on the priorities established under section —103(a)(4).

(2) **ALLOWABLE USE OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under paragraph (1) may be used for—

(A) tunnel protection systems;

(B) perimeter protection systems;

(C) redundant critical operations control systems;

(D) chemical, biological, radiological, or explosive detection systems;

(E) surveillance equipment;

(F) communications equipment;

(G) emergency response equipment;

(H) fire suppression and decontamination equipment;

(I) global positioning or automated vehicle locator type system equipment;

(J) evacuation improvements; and

(K) other capital security improvements.

(b) **OPERATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall award grants directly to public transportation agencies for allowable operational security improvements based on the priorities established under section —103(a)(4).

(2) **ALLOWABLE USE OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under paragraph (1) may be used for—

(A) security training for public transportation employees, including bus and rail operators, mechanics, customer service, maintenance employees, transit police, and security personnel;

(B) live or simulated drills;

(C) public awareness campaigns for enhanced public transportation security;

(D) canine patrols for chemical, biological, or explosives detection;

(E) overtime reimbursement for enhanced security personnel during significant national and international public events, consistent with the priorities established under section —103(a)(4); and

(F) other appropriate security improvements identified under section —103(a)(4), excluding routine, ongoing personnel costs.

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 3 days before the award of any grant under this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall notify the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate of the intent to award such grant.

(d) **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**—Each public transportation agency that receives a grant under this section shall—

(1) identify a security coordinator to coordinate security improvements;

(2) develop a comprehensive plan that demonstrates the agency's capacity for operating and maintaining the equipment purchased under this section; and

(3) report annually to the Department of Homeland Security on the use of grant funds received under this section.

(e) **RETURN OF MISSPENT GRANT FUNDS.**—If the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that a grantee used any portion of the grant funds received under this section for a purpose other than the allowable uses specified for that grant under this section, the grantee shall return any amount so used to the Treasury of the United States.

#### SEC. 105. INTELLIGENCE SHARING.

(a) **INTELLIGENCE SHARING.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the Department of Transportation receives appropriate and timely notification of all credible terrorist threats against public transportation assets in the United States.

(b) **INFORMATION SHARING ANALYSIS CENTER.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide sufficient financial assistance for the reasonable costs of the Information Sharing and Analysis Center for Public Transportation (referred to in this subsection as the "ISAC") established pursuant to Presidential Directive 63, to protect critical infrastructure.

(2) **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY PARTICIPATION.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security—

(A) shall require those public transportation agencies that the Secretary determines to be at significant risk of terrorist attack to participate in the ISAC;

(B) shall encourage all other public transportation agencies to participate in the ISAC; and

(C) shall not charge a fee to any public transportation agency for participating in the ISAC.

#### SEC. 106. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.

(a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Federal Transit Administration, shall award grants to public or private entities to conduct research into, and demonstrate, technologies and methods to reduce and deter terrorist threats or mitigate damages resulting from terrorist attacks against public transportation systems.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used to—

(1) research chemical, biological, radiological, or explosive detection systems that do not significantly impede passenger access;

(2) research imaging technologies;

(3) conduct product evaluations and testing; and

(4) research other technologies or methods for reducing or deterring terrorist attacks against public transportation systems, or mitigating damage from such attacks.

(c) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Each entity that receives a grant under this section shall report annually to the Department of Homeland Security on the use of grant funds received under this section.

(d) **RETURN OF MISSPENT GRANT FUNDS.**—If the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that a grantee used any portion of the grant funds received under this section for a purpose other than the allowable uses specified under subsection (b), the grantee shall return any amount so used to the Treasury of the United States.

#### SEC. 107. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than March 31 and September 30 of each year, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report, containing the information described in paragraph (2), to—

(A) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a description of the implementation of the provisions of sections — 103 through 106;

(B) the amount of funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of each of sections — 103 through 106 that have not been expended or obligated; and

(C) the state of public transportation security in the United States.

(b) **ANNUAL REPORT TO GOVERNORS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than March 31 of each year, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to the Governor of each State with a public transportation agency that has received a grant under this subtitle.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall specify—

(A) the amount of grant funds distributed to each such public transportation agency; and

(B) the use of such grant funds.

#### SEC. 108. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **CAPITAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,370,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 to carry out the provisions of section —104(a), which shall remain available until expended.

(b) **OPERATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of section —104(b)—

(1) \$534,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(2) \$333,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(3) \$133,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.



(c) INTELLIGENCE.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of section —105.

(d) RESEARCH.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$130,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 to carry out the provisions of section —106, which shall remain available until expended.

#### SEC. 109. SUNSET PROVISION.

The authority to make grants under this subtitle shall expire on October 1, 2009.

#### Subtitle B—Improved Rail Security

#### SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This subtitle may be cited as the “Rail Security Act of 2006”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this subtitle is as follows:

Sec.—201. Short title; table of contents.

Sec.—202. Rail transportation security risk assessment.

Sec.—203. Systemwide AMTRAK security upgrades.

Sec.—204. Fire and life-safety improvements.

Sec.—205. Freight and passenger rail security upgrades.

Sec.—206. Rail security research and development.

Sec.—207. Oversight and grant procedures.

Sec.—208. AMTRAK plan to assist families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

Sec.—209. Northern border rail passenger report.

Sec.—210. Rail worker security training program.

Sec.—211. Whistleblower protection program.

Sec.—212. High hazard material security threat mitigation plans.

Sec.—213. Memorandum of agreement.

Sec.—214. Rail security enhancements.

Sec.—215. Public awareness.

Sec.—216. Railroad high hazard material tracking.

Sec.—217. Authorization of appropriations.

#### SEC. 202. RAIL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a task force, including the Transportation Security Administration, the Department of Transportation, and other appropriate agencies, to complete a vulnerability and risk assessment of freight and passenger rail transportation (encompassing railroads, as that term is defined in section 20102(1) of title 49, United States Code). The assessment shall include—

(A) a methodology for conducting the risk assessment, including timelines, that addresses how the Department of Homeland Security will work with the entities describe in subsection (b) and make use of existing Federal expertise within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Transportation, and other appropriate agencies;

(B) identification and evaluation of critical assets and infrastructures;

(C) identification of vulnerabilities and risks to those assets and infrastructures;

(D) identification of vulnerabilities and risks that are specific to the transportation of hazardous materials via railroad;

(E) identification of security weaknesses in passenger and cargo security, transportation infrastructure, protection systems, procedural policies, communications systems, employee training, emergency response planning, and any other area identified by the assessment; and

(F) an account of actions taken or planned by both public and private entities to address identified rail security issues and assess the effective integration of such actions.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Based on the assessment conducted under paragraph (1), the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall develop prioritized recommendations for improving rail security, including any recommendations the Secretary has for—

(A) improving the security of rail tunnels, rail bridges, rail switching and car storage areas, other rail infrastructure and facilities, information systems, and other areas identified by the Secretary as posing significant rail-related risks to public safety and the movement of interstate commerce, taking into account the impact that any proposed security measure might have on the provision of rail service;

(B) deploying equipment to detect explosives and hazardous chemical, biological, and radioactive substances, and any appropriate countermeasures;

(C) training appropriate railroad or railroad shipper employees in terrorism prevention, passenger evacuation, and response activities;

(D) conducting public outreach campaigns on passenger railroads;

(E) deploying surveillance equipment; and

(F) identifying the immediate and long-term costs of measures that may be required to address those risks.

(3) PLANS.—The report required by subsection (c) shall include—

(A) a plan, developed in consultation with the freight and intercity passenger railroads, and State and local governments, for the Federal government to provide increased security support at high or severe threat levels of alert;

(B) a plan for coordinating existing and planned rail security initiatives undertaken by the public and private sectors; and

(C) a contingency plan, developed in conjunction with freight and intercity and commuter passenger railroads, to ensure the continued movement of freight and passengers in the event of an attack affecting the railroad system, which shall contemplate—

(i) the possibility of rerouting traffic due to the loss of critical infrastructure, such as a bridge, tunnel, yard, or station; and

(ii) methods of continuing railroad service in the Northeast Corridor in the event of a commercial power loss, or catastrophe affecting a critical bridge, tunnel, yard, or station.

(b) CONSULTATION; USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES.—In carrying out the assessment and developing the recommendations and plans required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with rail management, rail labor, owners or lessors of rail cars used to transport hazardous materials, first responders, shippers of hazardous materials, public safety officials, and other relevant parties.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) CONTENTS.—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security a report containing the assessment, prioritized recommendations, and plans required by subsection (a) and an estimate of the cost to implement such recommendations.

(2) FORMAT.—The Secretary may submit the report in both classified and redacted formats if the Secretary determines that such action is appropriate or necessary.

(d) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall update the assessment and recommendations each year and transmit a report, which may be submitted in both classi-

fied and redacted formats, to the Committees named in subsection (c)(1), containing the updated assessment and recommendations.

(e) FUNDING.—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 114(u) of title 49, United States Code, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

#### SEC. 203. SYSTEMWIDE AMTRAK SECURITY UPGRADES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c) the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), is authorized to make grants to Amtrak—

(1) to secure major tunnel access points and ensure tunnel integrity in New York, Baltimore, and Washington, DC;

(2) to secure Amtrak trains;

(3) to secure Amtrak stations;

(4) to obtain a watch list identification system approved by the Secretary;

(5) to obtain train tracking and interoperable communications systems that are coordinated to the maximum extent possible;

(6) to hire additional police and security officers, including canine units;

(7) to expand emergency preparedness efforts; and

(8) for employee security training.

(b) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall disburse funds to Amtrak provided under subsection (a) for projects contained in a systemwide security plan approved by the Secretary of Homeland Security. The plan shall include appropriate measures to address security awareness, emergency response, and passenger evacuation training.

(c) EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that, subject to meeting the highest security needs on Amtrak's entire system and consistent with the risk assessment required under section —202, stations and facilities located outside of the Northeast Corridor receive an equitable share of the security funds authorized by this section.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 114(u) of title 49, United States Code, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to carry out this section—

(1) \$63,500,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(3) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.

#### SEC. 204. FIRE AND LIFE-SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) LIFE-SAFETY NEEDS.—The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, is authorized to make grants to Amtrak for the purpose of making fire and life-safety improvements to Amtrak tunnels on the Northeast Corridor in New York, NY, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, DC.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section —217(b) of this subtitle, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Transportation for the purposes of carrying out subsection (a) the following amounts:

(1) For the 6 New York tunnels to provide ventilation, electrical, and fire safety technology upgrades, emergency communication and lighting systems, and emergency access and egress for passengers—

(A) \$190,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(B) \$190,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(C) \$190,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.



(2) For the Baltimore & Potomac tunnel and the Union tunnel, together, to provide adequate drainage, ventilation, communication, lighting, and passenger egress up-grades—

- (A) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- (B) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- (C) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

(3) For the Washington, DC, Union Station tunnels to improve ventilation, communication, lighting, and passenger egress up-grades—

- (A) \$13,333,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- (B) \$13,333,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- (C) \$13,333,000 for fiscal year 2009.

(c) **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.**—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section—217(b) of this subtitle, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Transportation for fiscal year 2007 \$3,000,000 for the preliminary design of options for a new tunnel on a different alignment to augment the capacity of the existing Baltimore tunnels.

(d) **AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.**—Amounts made available pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

(e) **PLANS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Transportation may not make amounts available to Amtrak for obligation or expenditure under subsection (a)—

(1) until Amtrak has submitted to the Secretary, and the Secretary has approved, an engineering and financial plan for such projects; and

(2) unless, for each project funded pursuant to this section, the Secretary has approved a project management plan prepared by Amtrak addressing appropriate project budget, construction schedule, recipient staff organization, document control and record keeping, change order procedure, quality control and assurance, periodic plan updates, and periodic status reports.

(f) **REVIEW OF PLANS.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall complete the review of the plans required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) and approve or disapprove the plans within 45 days after the date on which each such plan is submitted by Amtrak. If the Secretary determines that a plan is incomplete or deficient, the Secretary shall notify Amtrak of the incomplete items or deficiencies and Amtrak shall, within 30 days after receiving the Secretary's notification, submit a modified plan for the Secretary's review. Within 15 days after receiving additional information on items previously included in the plan, and within 45 days after receiving items newly included in a modified plan, the Secretary shall either approve the modified plan, or, if the Secretary finds the plan is still incomplete or deficient, the Secretary shall identify in writing to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security the portions of the plan the Secretary finds incomplete or deficient, approve all other portions of the plan, obligate the funds associated with those other portions, and execute an agreement with Amtrak within 15 days thereafter on a process for resolving the remaining portions of the plan.

(g) **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHER TUNNEL USERS.**—The Secretary shall, taking into account the need for the timely completion of all portions of the tunnel projects described in subsection (a)—

(1) consider the extent to which rail carriers other than Amtrak use or plan to use the tunnels;

(2) consider the feasibility of seeking a financial contribution from those other rail carriers toward the costs of the projects; and

(3) obtain financial contributions or commitments from such other rail carriers at levels reflecting the extent of their use or planned use of the tunnels, if feasible.

#### **SEC. 205. FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL SECURITY UPGRADES.**

(a) **SECURITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) and other appropriate agencies, is authorized to make grants to freight railroads, the Alaska Railroad, hazardous materials shippers, owners of rail cars used in the transportation of hazardous materials, universities, colleges and research centers, State and local governments (for rail passenger facilities and infrastructure not owned by Amtrak), and, through the Secretary of Transportation, to Amtrak, for full or partial reimbursement of costs incurred in the conduct of activities to prevent or respond to acts of terrorism, sabotage, or other intercity passenger rail and freight rail security vulnerabilities and risks identified under section—202, including—

(1) security and redundancy for critical communications, computer, and train control systems essential for secure rail operations;

(2) accommodation of rail cargo or passenger screening equipment at the United States-Mexico border, the United States-Canada border, or other ports of entry;

(3) the security of hazardous material transportation by rail;

(4) secure intercity passenger rail stations, trains, and infrastructure;

(5) structural modification or replacement of rail cars transporting high hazard materials to improve their resistance to acts of terrorism;

(6) employee security awareness, preparedness, passenger evacuation, and emergency response training;

(7) public security awareness campaigns for passenger train operations;

(8) the sharing of intelligence and information about security threats;

(9) to obtain train tracking and interoperable communications systems that are coordinated to the maximum extent possible;

(10) to hire additional police and security officers, including canine units; and

(11) other improvements recommended by the report required by section—202, including infrastructure, facilities, and equipment upgrades.

(b) **ACCOUNTABILITY.**—The Secretary shall adopt necessary procedures, including audits, to ensure that grants made under this section are expended in accordance with the purposes of this subtitle and the priorities and other criteria developed by the Secretary.

(c) **ALLOCATION.**—The Secretary shall distribute the funds authorized by this section based on risk and vulnerability as determined under section—202, and shall encourage non-Federal financial participation in awarding grants. With respect to grants for intercity passenger rail security, the Secretary shall also take into account passenger volume and whether a station is used by commuter rail passengers as well as intercity rail passengers.

(d) **CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary of Transportation may not disburse funds to Amtrak under subsection (a) unless Amtrak meets the conditions set forth in section—203(b) of this subtitle.

(e) **ALLOCATION BETWEEN RAILROADS AND OTHERS.**—Unless as a result of the assessment required by section—202 the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that critical rail transportation security needs require reimbursement in greater amounts to any eligible entity, no grants under this section may be made—

(1) in excess of \$45,000,000 to Amtrak; or

(2) in excess of \$80,000,000 for the purposes described in paragraphs (3) and (5) of subsection (a).

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 114(u) of title 49, United States Code, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out this section—

(1) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(2) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(3) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

Amounts made available pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.

(g) **HIGH HAZARD MATERIALS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “high hazard materials” means quantities of poison inhalation hazard materials, Class 2.3 gases, Class 6.1 materials, and anhydrous ammonia that the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, determines pose a security risk.

#### **SEC. 206. RAIL SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology and the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation shall carry out a research and development program for the purpose of improving freight and intercity passenger rail security that may include research and development projects to—

(1) reduce the vulnerability of passenger trains, stations, and equipment to explosives and hazardous chemical, biological, and radioactive substances;

(2) test new emergency response techniques and technologies;

(3) develop improved freight technologies, including—

(A) technologies for sealing rail cars;

(B) automatic inspection of rail cars;

(C) communication-based train controls; and

(D) emergency response training;

(4) test wayside detectors that can detect tampering with railroad equipment;

(5) support enhanced security for the transportation of hazardous materials by rail, including—

(A) technologies to detect a breach in a tank car or other rail car used to transport hazardous materials and transmit information about the integrity of cars to the train crew or dispatcher;

(B) research to improve tank car integrity, with a focus on tank cars that carry high hazard materials (as defined in section—205(g) of this subtitle; and

(C) techniques to transfer hazardous materials from rail cars that are damaged or otherwise represent an unreasonable risk to human life or public safety; and

(6) other projects that address vulnerabilities and risks identified under section—202.

(b) **COORDINATION WITH OTHER RESEARCH INITIATIVES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the research and development program authorized by this section is coordinated with other research and development initiatives at the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation. The Secretary shall carry out any research and development project authorized by this section through a reimbursable agreement with the Secretary of Transportation, if the Secretary of Transportation—

(1) is already sponsoring a research and development project in a similar area; or

(2) has a unique facility or capability that would be useful in carrying out the project.



(c) GRANTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—To carry out the research and development program, the Secretary may award grants to the entities described in section—205(a) and shall adopt necessary procedures, including audits, to ensure that grants made under this section are expended in accordance with the purposes of this subtitle and the priorities and other criteria developed by the Secretary.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 114(u) of title 49, United States Code, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out this section—

- (1) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- (2) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- (3) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

Amounts made available pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.

#### SEC. 207. OVERSIGHT AND GRANT PROCEDURES.

(a) SECRETARIAL OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may use up to 0.5 percent of amounts made available for capital projects under the Rail Security Act of 2006 to enter into contracts for the review of proposed capital projects and related program management plans and to oversee construction of such projects.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may use amounts available under subsection (a) of this subsection to make contracts to audit and review the safety, procurement, management, and financial compliance of a recipient of amounts under this subtitle.

(c) PROCEDURES FOR GRANT AWARD.—The Secretary shall, within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, prescribe procedures and schedules for the awarding of grants under this subtitle, including application and qualification procedures (including a requirement that the applicant have a security plan), and a record of decision on applicant eligibility. The procedures shall include the execution of a grant agreement between the grant recipient and the Secretary and shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, with the grant procedures established under section 70107 of title 46, United States Code.

#### SEC. 208. AMTRAK PLAN TO ASSIST FAMILIES OF PASSENGERS INVOLVED IN RAIL PASSENGER ACCIDENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### “§ 24316. Plans to address needs of families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents

“(a) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of the Rail Security Act of 2006, Amtrak shall submit to the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Homeland Security a plan for addressing the needs of the families of passengers involved in any rail passenger accident involving an Amtrak intercity train and resulting in a loss of life.

“(b) CONTENTS OF PLANS.—The plan to be submitted by Amtrak under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

“(1) A process by which Amtrak will maintain and provide to the National Transportation Safety Board and the Secretary of Transportation, immediately upon request, a list (which is based on the best available information at the time of the request) of the names of the passengers aboard the train (whether or not such names have been verified), and will periodically update the list. The plan shall include a procedure, with respect to unreserved trains and passengers

not holding reservations on other trains, for Amtrak to use reasonable efforts to ascertain the number and names of passengers aboard a train involved in an accident.

“(2) A plan for creating and publicizing a reliable, toll-free telephone number within 4 hours after such an accident occurs, and for providing staff, to handle calls from the families of the passengers.

“(3) A process for notifying the families of the passengers, before providing any public notice of the names of the passengers, by suitably trained individuals.

“(4) A process for providing the notice described in paragraph (2) to the family of a passenger as soon as Amtrak has verified that the passenger was aboard the train (whether or not the names of all of the passengers have been verified).

“(5) A process by which the family of each passenger will be consulted about the disposition of all remains and personal effects of the passenger within Amtrak's control; that any possession of the passenger within Amtrak's control will be returned to the family unless the possession is needed for the accident investigation or any criminal investigation; and that any unclaimed possession of a passenger within Amtrak's control will be retained by the rail passenger carrier for at least 18 months.

“(6) A process by which the treatment of the families of nonrevenue passengers will be the same as the treatment of the families of revenue passengers.

“(7) An assurance that Amtrak will provide adequate training to its employees and agents to meet the needs of survivors and family members following an accident.

“(c) USE OF INFORMATION.—The National Transportation Safety Board, the Secretary of Transportation, and Amtrak may not release any personal information on a list obtained under subsection (b)(1) but may provide information on the list about a passenger to the family of the passenger to the extent that the Board or Amtrak considers appropriate.

“(d) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Amtrak shall not be liable for damages in any action brought in a Federal or State court arising out of the performance of Amtrak in preparing or providing a passenger list, or in providing information concerning a train reservation, pursuant to a plan submitted by Amtrak under subsection (b), unless such liability was caused by Amtrak's conduct.

“(e) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed as limiting the actions that Amtrak may take, or the obligations that Amtrak may have, in providing assistance to the families of passengers involved in a rail passenger accident.

“(f) FUNDING.—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section —217(b) of the Rail Security Act of 2006, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Transportation for the use of Amtrak \$500,000 for fiscal year 2007 to carry out this section. Amounts made available pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for chapter 243 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“24316. Plan to assist families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.”

#### SEC. 209. NORTHERN BORDER RAIL PASSENGER REPORT.

Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), the Secretary of Transportation, heads of other ap-

propriate Federal departments, and agencies and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, shall transmit a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security that contains—

(1) a description of the current system for screening passengers and baggage on passenger rail service between the United States and Canada;

(2) an assessment of the current program to provide preclearance of airline passengers between the United States and Canada as outlined in “The Agreement on Air Transport Preclearance between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America”, dated January 18, 2001;

(3) an assessment of the current program to provide preclearance of freight railroad traffic between the United States and Canada as outlined in the “Declaration of Principle for the Improved Security of Rail Shipments by Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway from Canada to the United States”, dated April 2, 2003;

(4) information on progress by the Department of Homeland Security and other Federal agencies towards finalizing a bilateral protocol with Canada that would provide for preclearance of passengers on trains operating between the United States and Canada;

(5) a description of legislative, regulatory, budgetary, or policy barriers within the United States Government to providing prescreened passenger lists for rail passengers traveling between the United States and Canada to the Department of Homeland Security;

(6) a description of the position of the Government of Canada and relevant Canadian agencies with respect to preclearance of such passengers;

(7) a draft of any changes in existing Federal law necessary to provide for pre-screening of such passengers and providing prescreened passenger lists to the Department of Homeland Security; and

(8) an analysis of the feasibility of reinstating in-transit inspections onboard international Amtrak trains.

#### SEC. 210. RAIL WORKER SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with appropriate law enforcement, security, and terrorism experts, representatives of railroad carriers, and nonprofit employee organizations that represent rail workers, shall develop and issue detailed guidance for a rail worker security training program to prepare front-line workers for potential threat conditions. The guidance shall take into consideration any current security training requirements or best practices.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The guidance developed under subsection (a) shall include elements, as appropriate to passenger and freight rail service, that address the following:

(1) Determination of the seriousness of any occurrence.

(2) Crew communication and coordination.

(3) Appropriate responses to defend or protect oneself.

(4) Use of protective devices.

(5) Evacuation procedures.

(6) Psychology of terrorists to cope with hijacker behavior and passenger responses.

(7) Situational training exercises regarding various threat conditions.

(8) Any other subject the Secretary considers appropriate.



(c) **RAILROAD CARRIER PROGRAMS.**—Not later than 90 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security issues guidance under subsection (a) in final form, each railroad carrier shall develop a rail worker security training program in accordance with that guidance and submit it to the Secretary for review. Not later than 30 days after receiving a railroad carrier's program under this subsection, the Secretary shall review the program and transmit comments to the railroad carrier concerning any revisions the Secretary considers necessary for the program to meet the guidance requirements. A railroad carrier shall respond to the Secretary's comments within 30 days after receiving them.

(d) **TRAINING.**—Not later than 1 year after the Secretary reviews the training program developed by a railroad carrier under this section, the railroad carrier shall complete the training of all front-line workers in accordance with that program. The Secretary shall review implementation of the training program of a representative sample of railroad carriers and report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security on the number of reviews conducted and the results. The Secretary may submit the report in both classified and redacted formats as necessary.

(e) **UPDATES.**—The Secretary shall update the training guidance issued under subsection (a) as appropriate to reflect new or different security threats. Railroad carriers shall revise their programs accordingly and provide additional training to their front-line workers within a reasonable time after the guidance is updated.

(f) **FRONT-LINE WORKERS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “front-line workers” means security personnel, dispatchers, train operators, other onboard employees, maintenance and maintenance support personnel, bridge tenders, as well as other appropriate employees of railroad carriers, as defined by the Secretary.

(g) **OTHER EMPLOYEES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue guidance and best practices for a rail shipper employee security program containing the elements listed under subsection (b) as appropriate.

#### **SEC. 211. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter A of chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 20117 the following:

##### **“§ 20118. Whistleblower protection for rail security matters**

“(a) **DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEE.**—No rail carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce may discharge a railroad employee or otherwise discriminate against a railroad employee because the employee (or any person acting pursuant to a request of the employee)—

“(1) provided, caused to be provided, or is about to provide or cause to be provided, to the employer or the Federal Government information relating to a reasonably perceived threat, in good faith, to security; or

“(2) provided, caused to be provided, or is about to provide or cause to be provided, testimony before Congress or at any Federal or State proceeding regarding a reasonably perceived threat, in good faith, to security; or

“(3) refused to violate or assist in the violation of any law, rule or regulation related to rail security.

“(b) **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**—A dispute, grievance, or claim arising under this section is subject to resolution under section 3 of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 153). In

a proceeding by the National Railroad Adjustment Board, a division or delegate of the Board, or another board of adjustment established under section 3 to resolve the dispute, grievance, or claim the proceeding shall be expedited and the dispute, grievance, or claim shall be resolved not later than 180 days after it is filed. If the violation is a form of discrimination that does not involve discharge, suspension, or another action affecting pay, and no other remedy is available under this subsection, the Board, division, delegate, or other board of adjustment may award the employee reasonable damages, including punitive damages, of not more than \$20,000.

“(c) **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), the procedure set forth in section 42121(b)(2)(B) of this title, including the burdens of proof, applies to any complaint brought under this section.

“(d) **ELECTION OF REMEDIES.**—An employee of a railroad carrier may not seek protection under both this section and another provision of law for the same allegedly unlawful act of the carrier.

“(e) **DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY.**—

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or with the written consent of the employee, the Secretary of Transportation may not disclose the name of an employee of a railroad carrier who has provided information about an alleged violation of this section.

“(2) The Secretary shall disclose to the Attorney General the name of an employee described in paragraph (1) of this subsection if the matter is referred to the Attorney General for enforcement.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The chapter analysis for chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 20117 the following:

“20118. Whistleblower protection for rail security matters.”.

#### **SEC. 212. HIGH HAZARD MATERIAL SECURITY THREAT MITIGATION PLANS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) and the Secretary of Transportation, shall require rail carriers transporting a high hazard material, as defined in section —205(g) of this subtitle and of a quantity equal or exceeding the quantities of such material listed in subpart 172.800, title 49, Federal Code of Regulations, to develop a high hazard material security threat mitigation plan containing appropriate measures, including alternative routing and temporary shipment suspension options, to address assessed risks to high consequence targets. The plan, and any information submitted to the Secretary under this section shall be protected as sensitive security information under the regulations prescribed under section 114(s) of title 49, United States Code.

(b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—A high hazard material security threat mitigation plan shall be put into effect by a rail carrier for the shipment of high hazardous materials by rail on the rail carrier's right-of-way when the threat levels of the Homeland Security Advisory System are high or severe and specific intelligence of probable or imminent threat exists towards—

(1) a high-consequence target that is within the catastrophic impact zone of a railroad right-of-way used to transport high hazardous material; or

(2) rail infrastructure or operations within the immediate vicinity of a high-consequence target.

(c) **COMPLETION AND REVIEW OF PLANS.**—

(1) **PLANS REQUIRED.**—Each rail carrier shall—

(A) submit a list of routes used to transport high hazard materials to the Secretary of Homeland Security within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) develop and submit a high hazard material security threat mitigation plan to the Secretary within 180 days after it receives the notice of high consequence targets on such routes by the Secretary; and

(C) submit any subsequent revisions to the plan to the Secretary within 30 days after making the revisions.

(2) **REVIEW AND UPDATES.**—The Secretary, with assistance of the Secretary of Transportation, shall review the plans and transmit comments to the railroad carrier concerning any revisions the Secretary considers necessary. A railroad carrier shall respond to the Secretary's comments within 30 days after receiving them. Each rail carrier shall update and resubmit its plan for review not less than every 2 years.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “high-consequence target” means a building, buildings, infrastructure, public space, or natural resource designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security that is viable terrorist target of national significance, the attack of which could result in—

(A) catastrophic loss of life; and

(B) significantly damaged national security and defense capabilities; or

(C) national economic harm.

(2) The term “catastrophic impact zone” means the area immediately adjacent to, under, or above an active railroad right-of-way used to ship high hazard materials in which the potential release or explosion of the high hazard material being transported would likely cause—

(A) loss of life; or

(B) significant damage to property or structures.

(3) The term “rail carrier” has the meaning given that term by section 10102(5) of title 49, United States Code.

#### **SEC. 213. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.**

(a) **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.**—Similar to the public transportation security annex between the two departments signed on September 8, 2005, within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall execute and develop an annex to the memorandum of agreement between the two departments signed on September 28, 2004, governing the specific roles, delineations of responsibilities, resources and commitments of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Homeland Security, respectively, in addressing railroad transportation security matters, including the processes the departments will follow to promote communications, efficiency, and nonduplication of effort.

(b) **RAIL SAFETY REGULATIONS.**—Section 20103(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “safety” the first place it appears, and inserting “safety, including security.”.

#### **SEC. 214. RAIL SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.**

(a) **RAIL POLICE OFFICERS.**—Section 28101 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—” before “Under”; and

(2) by striking “the rail carrier” each place it appears and inserting “any rail carrier”.

(b) **REVIEW OF RAIL REGULATIONS.**—Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), shall review existing rail regulations of the Department of Transportation for the purpose of identifying areas in which those regulations need to be revised to improve rail security.



**SEC. 215. PUBLIC AWARENESS.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall develop a national plan for public outreach and awareness. Such plan shall be designed to increase awareness of measures that the general public, railroad passengers, and railroad employees can take to increase railroad system security. Such plan shall also provide outreach to railroad carriers and their employees to improve their awareness of available technologies, ongoing research and development efforts, and available Federal funding sources to improve railroad security. Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement the plan developed under this section.

**SEC. 216. RAILROAD HIGH HAZARD MATERIAL TRACKING.****(a) WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In conjunction with the research and development program established under section 206 and consistent with the results of research relating to wireless tracking technologies, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration), shall develop a program that will encourage the equipping of rail cars transporting high hazard materials (as defined in section 205(g) of this subtitle) in quantities equal to or greater than the quantities specified in subpart 171.800 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, with wireless terrestrial or satellite communications technology that provides—

(A) car position location and tracking capabilities;

(B) notification of rail car depressurization, breach, or unsafe temperature; and

(C) notification of hazardous material release.

(2) **COORDINATION.**—In developing the program required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) consult with the Secretary of Transportation to coordinate the program with any ongoing or planned efforts for rail car tracking at the Department of Transportation; and

(B) ensure that the program is consistent with recommendations and findings of the Department of Homeland Security's hazardous material tank rail car tracking pilot programs.

(b) **FUNDING.**—Out of funds appropriated pursuant to section 114(u) of title 49, United States Code, there shall be made available to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out this section \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009.

**SEC. 217. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION.**—Section 114 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(u) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security, (Transportation Security Administration) for rail security—

“(1) \$206,500,000 for fiscal year 2007;

“(2) \$168,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

“(3) \$168,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.”.

(b) **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation to carry out this subtitle and sections 20118 and 24316 of title 49, United States Code, as added by this subtitle—

(1) \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(2) \$223,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(3) \$223,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

**Subtitle C—Improved Maritime Security****SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This subtitle may be cited as the “Maritime Security Act of 2006”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this subtitle is as follows:

Sec.—301. Short title; table of contents.

Sec.—302. Establishment of additional interagency operational centers for port security.

Sec.—303. Area maritime transportation security plan to include salvage response plan.

Sec.—304. Post-incident resumption of trade.

Sec.—305. Assistance for foreign ports.

Sec.—306. Improved data for targeted cargo searches.

Sec.—307. Technical requirements for non-intrusive inspection equipment.

Sec.—308. Random inspection of containers.

Sec.—309. Cargo security.

Sec.—310. Secure systems of international intermodal transportation.

Sec.—311. Port security user fee study.

Sec.—312. Deadline for transportation security cards.

Sec.—313. Port security grants.

Sec.—314. Customs-trade partnership against terrorism security validation program.

Sec.—315. Work stoppages and employee-employer disputes.

Sec.—316. Appeal of denial of waiver for transportation security card.

Sec.—317. Inspection of car ferries entering from Canada.

**SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL INTERAGENCY OPERATIONAL CENTERS FOR PORT SECURITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to improve interagency cooperation, unity of command, and the sharing of intelligence information in a common mission to provide greater protection for port and intermodal transportation systems against acts of terrorism, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Commandant of the Coast Guard, shall establish interagency operational centers for port security at all high priority ports.

(b) **CHARACTERISTICS.**—The interagency operational centers shall—

(1) be based on the most appropriate compositional and operational characteristics of the pilot project interagency operational centers for port security in Miami, Florida, Norfolk/Hampton Roads, Virginia, Charleston, South Carolina, and San Diego, California;

(2) be adapted to meet the security needs, requirements, and resources of the individual port area at which each is operating;

(3) provide for participation by representatives of the United States Customs and Border Protection, the Transportation Security Administration, the Department of Defense, and other Federal agencies, as determined to be appropriate by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and State and local law enforcement or port security agencies and personnel; and

(4) be incorporated in the implementation of—

(A) maritime transportation security plans developed under section 70103 of title 46, United States Code;

(B) maritime intelligence activities under section 70113 of that title;

(C) short and long range vessel tracking under sections 70114 and 70115 of that title;

(D) secure transportation systems under section 70116 of that title;

(E) the United States Customs and Border Protection's screening and high-risk cargo inspection programs; and

(F) the transportation security incident response plans required by section 70104 of that title.

(c) **2005 ACT REPORT REQUIREMENT.**—Nothing in this section relieves the Commandant of the Coast Guard from compliance with the requirements of section 807 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004. The Commandant shall utilize the information developed in making the report required by that section in carrying out the requirements of this section.

(d) **BUDGET AND COST-SHARING ANALYSIS.**—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security a proposed budget analysis for implementing subsection (a), including cost-sharing arrangements with other Federal departments and agencies involved in the interagency operation of the centers.

**SEC. 303. AREA MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY PLAN TO INCLUDE SALVAGE RESPONSE PLAN.**

Section 70103(b)(2) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “and” after the semicolon in subparagraph (E);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) include a salvage response plan—

“(i) to identify salvage equipment capable of restoring operational trade capacity; and

“(ii) to ensure that the flow of cargo through United States ports is re-established as efficiently and quickly as possible after a transportation security incident.”.

**SEC. 304. POST-INCIDENT RESUMPTION OF TRADE.**

Section 70103(a)(2)(J) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting after “incident.” the following: “The plan shall provide, to the extent practicable, preference in the reestablishment of the flow of cargo through United States ports after a transportation security incident to—

“(i) vessels that have a vessel security plan approved under subsection (c);

“(ii) vessels manned by individuals who are described in section 70105(b)(2)(B) and who have undergone a background records check under section 70105(d) or who hold transportation security cards issued under section 70105; and

“(iii) vessels on which all the cargo has undergone screening and inspection under standards and procedures established under section 70116(b)(2) of this title.”.

**SEC. 305. ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN PORTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 70109 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“**§ 70109. International cooperation and coordination**”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) **FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, and the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, shall identify foreign assistance programs that could facilitate implementation of port security antiterrorism measures in foreign countries. The Secretary shall establish a program to utilize those programs that are capable of implementing port security antiterrorism measures at ports in foreign countries that the Secretary finds, under section 70108, to lack effective antiterrorism measures.

“(2) **CARIBBEAN BASIN.**—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State and in consultation with the Organization of



American States and the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, shall place particular emphasis on utilizing programs to facilitate the implementation of port security antiterrorism measures at the ports located in the Caribbean Basin, as such ports pose unique security and safety threats to the United States due to—

“(A) the strategic location of such ports between South America and United States;

“(B) the relative openness of such ports; and

“(C) the significant number of shipments of narcotics to the United States that are moved through such ports.

“(d) **INTERNATIONAL CARGO SECURITY STANDARDS.**—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary acting through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, shall enter into negotiations with foreign governments and international organizations, including the International Maritime Organization, the World Customs Organization, the International Labor Organization, and the International Standards Organization, as appropriate—

“(1) to promote standards for the security of containers and other cargo moving within the international supply chain;

“(2) to encourage compliance with minimum technical requirements for the capabilities of nonintrusive inspection equipment, including imaging and radiation detection devices, established under section 306 of the Maritime Security Act of 2006;

“(3) to implement the requirements of the container security initiative under section 70121; and

“(4) to implement standards and procedures established under section 70116.”

(b) **REPORT ON SECURITY AT PORTS IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security a report on the security of ports in the Caribbean Basin. The report—

(1) shall include—

(A) an assessment of the effectiveness of the measures employed to improve security at ports in the Caribbean Basin and recommendations for any additional measures to improve such security;

(B) an estimate of the number of ports in the Caribbean Basin that will not be secured by January 1, 2007, and an estimate of the financial impact in the United States of any action taken pursuant to section 70110 of title 46, United States Code, that affects trade between such ports and the United States; and

(C) an assessment of the additional resources and program changes that are necessary to maximize security at ports in the Caribbean Basin; and

(2) may be submitted in both classified and redacted formats.

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The chapter analysis for chapter 701 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 70901 and inserting the following:

“70901. *International cooperation and coordination*”.

#### **SEC. 306. IMPROVED DATA FOR TARGETED CARGO SEARCHES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to provide the best possible data for the automated targeting system developed and operated by United States Customs and Border Protection under section 70116(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, that identifies high-risk cargo for inspection before it is loaded in a

foreign port for shipment to the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, shall require importers shipping goods to the United States via cargo container to supply entry data not later than 24 hours before loading a container under the advance notification requirements under section 484(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1484(a)(2)).

(b) **DEADLINE.**—The requirement imposed under subsection (a) shall apply to goods entered after July 1, 2006.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out the automated targeting system program to identify high-risk oceanborne container cargo for inspection—

(A) \$30,700,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(B) \$33,200,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

(C) \$35,700,000 for fiscal year 2009.

(2) The amounts authorized by this subsection shall be in addition to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out that program.

#### **SEC. 307. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-INTRUSIVE INSPECTION EQUIPMENT.**

Within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, in consultation with the National Institute of Science and Technology, shall initiate a rulemaking to establish minimum technical requirements for the capabilities of nonintrusive inspection equipment, including imaging and radiation detection devices, that help ensure that all equipment used can detect risks and threats as determined appropriate by the Secretary, while considering the need not to endorse specific companies or to create sovereignty conflicts with participating countries.

#### **SEC. 308. RANDOM INSPECTION OF CONTAINERS.**

Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection shall develop and implement a plan, utilizing best practices for empirical scientific research design and random sampling standards for random physical inspection of shipping containers in addition to any targeted or pre-shipment inspection of such containers required by law or regulation or conducted under any other program conducted by the Commissioner. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that implementation of the random sampling plan would preclude the additional physical inspection of shipping containers not inspected pursuant to the plan.

#### **SEC. 309. CARGO SECURITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 701 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second section 70118 (relating to withholding of clearance), as added by section 802(a)(2) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004, as section 70119;

(2) by redesignating the first section 70119 (relating to enforcement by State and local officers), as added by section 801(a) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004, as section 70120;

(3) by redesignating the second section 70119 (relating to civil penalty), as redesignated by section 802(a)(1) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004, as section 70122; and

(4) by inserting after section 70120, as redesignated by paragraph (2), the following:

#### **“§ 70121. Container security initiative**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Pursuant to the standards established under subsection (b)(1) of section 70116—

“(1) the Secretary, through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, shall issue regulations to—

“(A) evaluate and screen cargo documents prior to loading in a foreign port for shipment to the United States, either directly or via a foreign port; and

“(B) inspect high-risk cargo in a foreign port intended for shipment to the United States by physical examination or nonintrusive examination by technological means; and

“(2) the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection shall execute inspection and screening protocols with authorities in foreign ports to ensure that the standards and procedures promulgated under paragraph (1) are implemented in an effective manner.

“(b) **EXTENSION OF CONTAINER SECURITY INITIATIVE TO OTHER PORTS.**—The Secretary, through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, may designate foreign seaports under this section if, with respect to any such seaport, the Secretary determines that—

“(1) the seaport—

“(A) presents a significant level of risk;

“(B) is a significant port or origin or transshipment, in terms of volume or value, for cargo being imported to the United States; and

“(C) is potentially capable of validating a secure system of transportation pursuant to section 70116; and

“(2) the Department of State and representatives of the country with jurisdiction over the port have completed negotiations to ensure compliance with the requirements of the container security initiative.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section—

“(1) \$142,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

“(2) \$144,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

“(3) \$146,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.”

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) The chapter analysis for chapter 701 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the items following the item relating to section 70116 and inserting the following:

“70117. *In rem liability for civil penalties and certain costs*

“70118. *Firearms, arrests, and seizure of property*

“70119. *Withholding of clearance*

“70120. *Enforcement by State and local officers*

“70121. *Container security initiative*

“70122. *Civil penalty*”.

(2) Section 70117(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 70120” and inserting “section 70122”.

(3) Section 70119(a) of such title, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1) of this section, is amended—

(A) by striking “under section 70119,” and inserting “under section 70122,”; and

(B) by striking “under section 70120,” and inserting “under that section.”

(4) Section 111 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 is repealed.

#### **SEC. 310. SECURE SYSTEMS OF INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION.**

Section 70116 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “transportation.” in subsection (a) and inserting “transportation—

“(1) to ensure the security and integrity of shipments of goods to the United States from the point at which such goods are initially packed or loaded into a cargo container for international shipment until they reach their ultimate destination; and

“(2) to facilitate the movement of such goods through the entire supply chain through an expedited security and clearance program.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:



“(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—In establishing and conducting the program under subsection (a) the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, shall—

“(1) establish standards and procedures for verifying, at the point at which goods are placed in a cargo container for shipping, that the container is free of unauthorized hazardous chemical, biological, or nuclear material and for securely sealing such containers after the contents are so verified;

“(2) establish standards and procedures for screening and evaluating cargo prior to loading in a foreign port for shipment to the United States either directly or via a foreign port;

“(3) establish standards and procedures for securing cargo and monitoring that security while in transit;

“(4) develop performance standards to enhance the physical security of shipping containers, including performance standards for seals and locks;

“(5) establish standards and procedures for allowing the United States Government to ensure and validate compliance with this program; and

“(6) incorporate any other measures the Secretary considers necessary to ensure the security and integrity of international intermodal transport movements.

“(c) BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATION.—The Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection may provide expedited clearance of cargo to an entity that—

“(1) meets or exceeds the standards established under subsection (b); and

“(2) certifies the security of its supply chain not less often than once every 2 years to the Secretary.”.

#### SEC. 311. PORT SECURITY USER FEE STUDY.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct a study of the need for, and feasibility of, establishing a system of oceanborne and port-related intermodal transportation user fees that could be imposed and collected as a dedicated revenue source, on a temporary or continuing basis, to provide necessary funding for the improvement and maintenance of enhanced port security. Within 1 year after date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security that—

(1) contains the Secretary's findings, conclusions, and recommendations (including legislative recommendations if appropriate); and

(2) includes an assessment of the annual amount of customs fees and duties collected through oceanborne and port-related transportation and the amount and percentage of such fees and duties that are dedicated to improve and maintain security.

#### SEC. 312. DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CARDS.

The Secretary shall issue a final rule under section 70105 of title 46, United States Code, no later than January 1, 2007.

#### SEC. 313. PORT SECURITY GRANTS.

(a) BASIS FOR GRANTS.—Section 70107(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “for making a fair and equitable allocation of funds” and inserting “based on risk and vulnerability”.

(b) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Section 70107(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (4) as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively.

(c) LETTERS OF INTENT.—Section 70107(e) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) LETTERS OF INTENT.—The Secretary may execute letters of intent to commit funding to port sponsors from the Fund.”.

#### SEC. 314. CUSTOMS-TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM SECURITY VALIDATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 701 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by section —309 of this subtitle, is further amended—

(1) by redesignating section 70122 (as redesignated by section —309(a)(3) of this subtitle) as section 70123; and

(2) by inserting after section 70121 the following:

#### “§ 70122. Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism validation program.

“(a) VALIDATION; RECORDS MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, shall issue regulations—

“(1) to strengthen the validation process to verify that security programs of members of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism have been implemented and that the program benefits should continue by providing appropriate guidance to specialists conducting such validations, including establishing what level of review is adequate to determine whether member security practices are reliable, accurate, and effective; and

“(2) to implement a records management system that documents key decisions and significant operational events accurately and in a timely manner, including a reliable system for—

“(A) documenting and maintaining records of all decisions in the application through validation processes, including documentation of the objectives, scope, methodologies, and limitations of validations; and

“(B) tracking member status.

“(b) HUMAN CAPITAL PLAN.—Within 6 months after the date of enactment of the Maritime Security Act of 2006, the Secretary shall complete a human capital plan, that clearly describes how the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program will recruit, train, and retain sufficient staff to conduct the work of the program successfully, including reviewing security profiles, vetting, and conducting validations to mitigate program risk.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out section 70122 of title 49, United States Code, not to exceed—

- (1) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- (2) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- (3) \$72,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The chapter analysis for chapter 701 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by section—309(b) of this subtitle, is further amended by striking the item relating to section 70122 and inserting the following:

“70122. Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism validation program  
“70123. Civil penalty”.

(2) Section 70117(a) and 70119(a) of title 46, United States Code, as amended by section —309(b)(2) and (3), respectively, of this Act, are each amended by striking “section 70122,” and inserting “section 70123.”.

#### SEC. 315. WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER DISPUTES.

Section 70101(6) is amended by inserting after “area.” the following: “In this paragraph, the term ‘economic disruption’ does not include a work stoppage or other non-violent employee-related action resulting from an employee-employer dispute.”.

#### SEC. 316. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF WAIVER FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CARD.

Section 70105(c)(3) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or a waiver under paragraph (2)” after “card”.

#### SEC. 317. INSPECTION OF CAR FERRIES ENTERING FROM CANADA.

Within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, in coordination with the Secretary of State, and their Canadian counterparts, shall develop a plan for the inspection of passengers and vehicles before such passengers board, or such vehicles are loaded onto, a ferry bound for a United States port.

**SA 3383.** Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. . JUDICIAL REVIEW OF VISA REVOCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) is amended by amending the last sentence to read as follows: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or non-statutory), including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and sections 1361 and 1651 of such title, a revocation under this subsection may not be reviewed by any court, and no court shall have jurisdiction to hear any claim arising from, or any challenge to, such a revocation.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to visa revocations effected before, on, or after such date.

**SA 3384.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. . ADDRESSING POVERTY IN MEXICO.

(a) FINDINGS.—

Whereas there is a strong correlation between economic freedom and economic prosperity;

Whereas trade policy, fiscal burden of government, government intervention in the economy, monetary policy, capital flows and foreign investment, banking and finance, wages and prices, property rights, regulation, and informal market activity are key factors in economic freedom;

Whereas poverty in Mexico, including rural poverty, can be mitigated through strengthened economic freedom within Mexico;

Whereas strengthened economic freedom in Mexico can be a major influence in mitigating illegal immigration;

Whereas advancing economic freedom within Mexico is an important part of any comprehensive plan to understanding the sources of poverty and the path to economic prosperity;

(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may award a grant to a land grant university in the United States to establish one national program for a broad-based university Mexican rural poverty program.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The national program shall:

(1) Pair a U.S. land grant university with the lead Mexican public university in each of



Mexico's 31 states to provide state-level coordination of rural poverty programs.

(2) Establish and coordinate relationships and programmatic ties between U.S. universities and Mexican universities to address the issue of Mexican rural poverty.

(3) Establish and coordinate ties with key leaders in Mexico and the United States to explore how rural poverty drives illegal immigration of Mexicans into the United States; and

(4) Address immigration and border security concerns through a university-based, binational approach for long-term institutional change.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

1. IN GENERAL.—Grants awarded under this section shall be used—

(A) for education, training, technical assistance, and all related costs (including personnel and equipment) incurred by the grantee in implementing a program under this Act;

(B) to establish a program administrative structure in the United States.

(C) No funds can be used for the activities, responsibilities, or related costs incurred by entities in Mexico.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS.—

1. Such funds as deemed necessary by the Secretary shall be used for the execution of this program.

**SA 3385.** Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ALIEN SPOUSES.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of determining eligibility for naturalization under section 319 of the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to an alien spouse who is married to a citizen spouse who was stationed abroad on orders from the United States Government for a period of not less than 1 year and reassigned to the United States thereafter, the following rules shall apply:

(1) The citizen spouse shall be treated as regularly scheduled abroad without regard to whether the citizen spouse is reassigned to duty in the United States.

(2) Any period of time during which the alien spouse is living abroad with his or her citizen spouse shall be treated as residency within the United States for purposes of meeting the residency requirements under section 319 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, even if the citizen spouse is reassigned to duty in the United States at the time the alien spouse files an application for naturalization.

**SA 3386.** Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 6, beginning on line 9, strike all through page 294, line 4, and insert the following:

**TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

**Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders**

**SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

(a) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—

(1) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Sec-

retary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 500 the number of positions for full-time active duty port of entry inspectors and provide appropriate training, equipment, and support to such additional inspectors.

(2) INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.—

(A) IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS.—Section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “800” and inserting “1000”.

(B) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, as amended by subparagraph (A), during each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 200 the number of positions for personnel within the Department assigned to investigate alien smuggling.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1) of subsection (a).

(2) BORDER PATROL AGENTS.—Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (118 Stat. 3734) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 5202. INCREASE IN FULL-TIME BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

“(a) ANNUAL INCREASES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for full-time active-duty border patrol agents within the Department of Homeland Security (above the number of such positions for which funds were appropriated for the preceding fiscal year), by—

“(1) 2,000 in fiscal year 2006;

“(2) 2,400 in fiscal year 2007;

“(3) 2,400 in fiscal year 2008;

“(4) 2,400 in fiscal year 2009;

“(5) 2,400 in fiscal year 2010; and

“(6) 2,400 in fiscal year 2011;

“(b) NORTHERN BORDER.—In each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2011, in addition to the border patrol agents assigned along the northern border of the United States during the previous fiscal year, the Secretary shall assign a number of border patrol agents equal to not less than 20 percent of the net increase in border patrol agents during each such fiscal year.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.”.

**SEC. 102. TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.**

(a) ACQUISITION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land bor-

ders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance of the international land borders of the United States and assessment of the risks to citizens of the United States and foreign policy interests associated with the use of such equipment;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (b) to increase the use of Department of Defense equipment to assist such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by the Secretary of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the report.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed as altering or amending the prohibition on the use of any part of the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus under section 1385 of title 18, United States Code.

**SEC. 103. INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct all-weather roads and acquire additional vehicle barriers and facilities necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

**SEC. 104. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.**

The Secretary may maintain temporary or permanent checkpoints on roadways in border patrol sectors that are located in proximity to the international border between the United States and Mexico.

**SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land borders of the United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.**

(a) TUCSON SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) YUMA SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in



Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### **Subtitle B—Border Security Plans, Strategies, and Reports**

##### **SEC. 111. SURVEILLANCE PLAN.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of existing technologies employed on the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(2) A description of the compatibility of new surveillance technologies with surveillance technologies in use by the Secretary on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) A description of how the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department is working, or is expected to work, with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department to identify and test surveillance technology.

(4) A description of the specific surveillance technology to be deployed.

(5) Identification of any obstacles that may impede such deployment.

(6) A detailed estimate of all costs associated with such deployment and with continued maintenance of such technologies.

(7) A description of how the Secretary is working with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on safety and airspace control issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan required by this section.

##### **SEC. 112. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BORDER SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a National Strategy for Border Security that describes actions to be carried out to achieve operational control over all ports of entry into the United States and the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall include the following:

(1) The implementation schedule for the comprehensive plan for systematic surveillance described in section 111.

(2) An assessment of the threat posed by terrorists and terrorist groups that may try to infiltrate the United States at locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(3) A risk assessment for all United States ports of entry and all portions of the international land and maritime borders of the United States that includes a description of activities being undertaken—

(A) to prevent the entry of terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband into the United States; and

(B) to protect critical infrastructure at or near such ports of entry or borders.

(4) An assessment of the legal requirements that prevent achieving and maintaining operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(5) An assessment of the most appropriate, practical, and cost-effective means of defending the international land and maritime borders of the United States against threats to security and illegal transit, including intelligence capacities, technology, equipment, personnel, and training needed to address security vulnerabilities.

(6) An assessment of staffing needs for all border security functions, taking into account threat and vulnerability information pertaining to the borders and the impact of new security programs, policies, and technologies.

(7) A description of the border security roles and missions of Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal authorities, and recommendations regarding actions the Secretary can carry out to improve coordination with such authorities to enable border security and enforcement activities to be carried out in a more efficient and effective manner.

(8) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, personal property rights, privacy rights, and civil liberties, including an assessment of efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims, unaccompanied minor aliens, and other vulnerable populations.

(9) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(10) A description of ways to ensure that the free flow of travel and commerce is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(11) An assessment of additional detention facilities and beds that are needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

(12) A description of the performance metrics to be used to ensure accountability by the bureaus of the Department in implementing such Strategy.

(13) A schedule for the implementation of the security measures described in such Strategy, including a prioritization of security measures, realistic deadlines for addressing the security and enforcement needs, an estimate of the resources needed to carry out such measures, and a description of how such resources should be allocated.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the National Strategy for Border Security, the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

(1) State, local, and tribal authorities with responsibility for locations along the inter-

national land and maritime borders of the United States; and

(2) appropriate private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and affected communities that have expertise in areas related to border security.

(d) **COORDINATION.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall be consistent with the National Strategy for Maritime Security developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 13, dated December 21, 2004.

(e) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **STRATEGY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the National Strategy for Border Security.

(2) **UPDATES.**—The Secretary shall submit to Congress any update of such Strategy that the Secretary determines is necessary, not later than 30 days after such update is developed.

(f) **IMMEDIATE ACTION.**—Nothing in this section or section 111 may be construed to relieve the Secretary of the responsibility to take all actions necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

##### **SEC. 113. REPORTS ON IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a report on improving the exchange of information related to the security of North America.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of the following:

(1) **SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.**—The progress made toward the development of common enrollment, security, technical, and biometric standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of secure documents, including—

(A) technical and biometric standards based on best practices and consistent with international standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of travel documents, including—

- (i) passports;
- (ii) visas; and
- (iii) permanent resident cards;

(B) working with Canada and Mexico to encourage foreign governments to enact laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking, and laws to forbid the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents and to promote information sharing;

(C) applying the necessary pressures and support to ensure that other countries meet proper travel document standards and are committed to travel document verification before the citizens of such countries travel internationally, including travel by such citizens to the United States; and

(D) providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with visa and travel documents.

(2) **IMMIGRATION AND VISA MANAGEMENT.**—The progress of efforts to share information regarding high-risk individuals who may attempt to enter Canada, Mexico, or the United States, including the progress made—

(A) in implementing the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing, signed by Canada and the United States in February 2003; and

(B) in identifying trends related to immigration fraud, including asylum and document fraud, and to analyze such trends.



(3) **VISA POLICY COORDINATION AND IMMIGRATION SECURITY.**—The progress made by Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance the security of North America by cooperating on visa policy and identifying best practices regarding immigration security, including the progress made—

(A) in enhancing consultation among officials who issue visas at the consulates or embassies of Canada, Mexico, or the United States throughout the world to share information, trends, and best practices on visa flows;

(B) in comparing the procedures and policies of Canada and the United States related to visitor visa processing, including—

- (i) application process;
- (ii) interview policy;
- (iii) general screening procedures;
- (iv) visa validity;
- (v) quality control measures; and
- (vi) access to appeal or review;

(C) in exploring methods for Canada, Mexico, and the United States to waive visa requirements for nationals and citizens of the same foreign countries;

(D) in providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with immigration violators;

(E) in developing and implementing an immigration security strategy for North America that works toward the development of a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance automated reporting and risk targeting of international passengers;

(F) in sharing information on lost and stolen passports on a real-time basis among immigration or law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(G) in collecting 10 fingerprints from each individual who applies for a visa.

(4) **NORTH AMERICAN VISITOR OVERSTAY PROGRAM.**—The progress made by Canada and the United States in implementing parallel entry-exit tracking systems that, while respecting the privacy laws of both countries, share information regarding third country nationals who have overstayed their period of authorized admission in either Canada or the United States.

(5) **TERRORIST WATCH LISTS.**—The progress made in enhancing the capacity of the United States to combat terrorism through the coordination of counterterrorism efforts, including the progress made—

(A) in developing and implementing bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States and between Mexico and the United States to govern the sharing of terrorist watch list data and to comprehensively enumerate the uses of such data by the governments of each country;

(B) in establishing appropriate linkages among Canada, Mexico, and the United States Terrorist Screening Center; and

(C) in exploring with foreign governments the establishment of a multilateral watch list mechanism that would facilitate direct coordination between the country that identifies an individual as an individual included on a watch list, and the country that owns such list, including procedures that satisfy the security concerns and are consistent with the privacy and other laws of each participating country.

(6) **MONEY LAUNDERING, CURRENCY SMUGGLING, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.**—The progress made in improving information sharing and law enforcement cooperation in combating organized crime, including the progress made—

(A) in combating currency smuggling, money laundering, alien smuggling, and trafficking in alcohol, firearms, and explosives;

(B) in implementing the agreement between Canada and the United States known as the Firearms Trafficking Action Plan;

(C) in determining the feasibility of formulating a firearms trafficking action plan between Mexico and the United States;

(D) in developing a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Canada and the United States;

(E) in determining the feasibility of formulating a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Mexico and the United States;

(F) in developing mechanisms to exchange information on findings, seizures, and capture of individuals transporting undeclared currency; and

(G) in developing and implementing a plan to combat the transnational threat of illegal drug trafficking.

(7) **LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION.**—The progress made in enhancing law enforcement cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and the United States through enhanced technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with known and suspected criminals or terrorists, including exploring the formation of law enforcement teams that include personnel from the United States and Mexico, and appropriate procedures for such teams.

#### **SEC. 114. IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.**

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall work to cooperate with the head of Foreign Affairs Canada and the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico to establish a program—

(1) to assess the specific needs of Guatemala and Belize in maintaining the security of the international borders of such countries;

(2) to use the assessment made under paragraph (1) to determine the financial and technical support needed by Guatemala and Belize from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to meet such needs;

(3) to provide technical assistance to Guatemala and Belize to promote issuance of secure passports and travel documents by such countries; and

(4) to encourage Guatemala and Belize—

(A) to control alien smuggling and trafficking;

(B) to prevent the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents; and

(C) to share relevant information with Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

(b) **BORDER SECURITY FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall work to cooperate—

(1) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Guatemala and the Government of Belize to provide law enforcement assistance to Guatemala and Belize that specifically addresses immigration issues to increase the ability of the Government of Guatemala to dismantle human smuggling organizations and gain additional control over the international border between Guatemala and Belize; and

(2) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Belize, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Mexico, and the governments of neighboring contiguous countries to establish a program to provide needed equipment, technical assistance, and vehicles to manage, regulate, and patrol the international borders between Mexico and Guatemala and between Mexico and Belize.

(c) **TRACKING CENTRAL AMERICAN GANGS.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work to cooperate with the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, the Government

of Guatemala, the Government of Belize, and the governments of other Central American countries—

(1) to assess the direct and indirect impact on the United States and Central America of deporting violent criminal aliens;

(2) to establish a program and database to track individuals involved in Central American gang activities;

(3) to develop a mechanism that is acceptable to the governments of Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and other appropriate countries to notify such a government if an individual suspected of gang activity will be deported to that country prior to the deportation and to provide support for the reintegration of such deportees into that country; and

(4) to develop an agreement to share all relevant information related to individuals connected with Central American gangs.

(d) **LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE.**—Any funds made available to carry out this section shall be subject to the limitations contained in section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2218).

#### **SEC. 115. COMBATING HUMAN SMUGGLING.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan to improve coordination between the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department and any other Federal, State, local, or tribal authorities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, to improve coordination efforts to combat human smuggling.

(b) **CONTENT.**—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the interoperability of databases utilized to prevent human smuggling;

(2) adequate and effective personnel training;

(3) methods and programs to effectively target networks that engage in such smuggling;

(4) effective utilization of—

(A) visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes; and

(B) investigatory techniques, equipment, and procedures that prevent, detect, and prosecute international money laundering and other operations that are utilized in smuggling;

(5) joint measures, with the Secretary of State, to enhance intelligence sharing and cooperation with foreign governments whose citizens are preyed on by human smugglers; and

(6) other measures that the Secretary considers appropriate to combating human smuggling.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after implementing the plan described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on such plan, including any recommendations for legislative action to improve efforts to combating human smuggling.

(d) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide additional authority to any State or local entity to enforce Federal immigration laws.

#### **Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives**

##### **SEC. 121. BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**

Not later than October 1, 2007, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the Automated Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (IDENT) of the Department and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure more expeditious data searches; and



(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all fingerprints from each alien required to provide fingerprints during the alien's initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a).

#### SEC. 122. SECURE COMMUNICATION.

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as practicable, develop and implement a plan to improve the use of satellite communications and other technologies to ensure clear and secure 2-way communication capabilities—

(1) among all Border Patrol agents conducting operations between ports of entry;

(2) between Border Patrol agents and their respective Border Patrol stations;

(3) between Border Patrol agents and residents in remote areas along the international land borders of the United States; and

(4) between all appropriate border security agencies of the Department and State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

#### SEC. 123. BORDER PATROL TRAINING CAPACITY REVIEW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the basic training provided to Border Patrol agents by the Secretary to ensure that such training is provided as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

(b) COMPONENTS OF REVIEW.—The review under subsection (a) shall include the following components:

(1) An evaluation of the length and content of the basic training curriculum provided to new Border Patrol agents by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, including a description of how such curriculum has changed since September 11, 2001, and an evaluation of language and cultural diversity training programs provided within such curriculum.

(2) A review and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train 1 new Border Patrol agent.

(3) A comparison, based on the review and breakdown under paragraph (2), of the costs, effectiveness, scope, and quality, including geographic characteristics, with other similar training programs provided by State and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and the private sector.

(4) An evaluation of whether utilizing comparable non-Federal training programs, proficiency testing, and long-distance learning programs may affect—

(A) the cost-effectiveness of increasing the number of Border Patrol agents trained per year;

(B) the per agent costs of basic training; and

(C) the scope and quality of basic training needed to fulfill the mission and duties of a Border Patrol agent.

#### SEC. 124. US-VISIT SYSTEM.

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a schedule for—

(1) equipping all land border ports of entry of the United States with the U.S.-Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) system implemented under section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a);

(2) developing and deploying at such ports of entry the exit component of the US-VISIT system; and

(3) making interoperable all immigration screening systems operated by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 125. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.

(a) TRAINING.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the head of the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.—The Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(c) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT.—The Inspector General of the Department shall conduct an independent assessment of the accuracy and reliability of the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General shall submit to Congress the findings of the assessment required by paragraph (1).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 126. IMPROVED DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in the heading, by striking “entry and exit documents” and inserting “travel and entry documents and evidence of status”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the” and inserting “The”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” both places it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of an alien's status as an immigrant, nonimmigrant, parolee, asylee, or refugee, shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, and shall incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify electronically the identity and status of the alien.”.

#### SEC. 127. CANCELLATION OF VISAS.

Section 222(g) (8 U.S.C. 1202(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “and any other non-immigrant visa issued by the United States that is in the possession of the alien” after “such visa”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(other than the visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien's nationality” and inserting “(other than a visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien's nationality or foreign residence”.

#### SEC. 128. BIOMETRIC ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.

(a) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIENS DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES.—Section 215 (8 U.S.C. 1185) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (g);

(2) by moving subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (1), to the end; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to require aliens departing the United States to provide biometric data and other information relating to their immigration status.”.

(b) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA.—In conducting inspections under subsection (b), immigration officers are authorized to collect biometric data from—

“(A) any applicant for admission or alien seeking to transit through the United States; or

“(B) any lawful permanent resident who is entering the United States and who is not regarded as seeking admission pursuant to section 101(a)(13)(C).”.

(c) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIEN CREWMEN.—Section 252 (8 U.S.C. 1282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) An immigration officer is authorized to collect biometric data from an alien crewman seeking permission to land temporarily in the United States.”.

(d) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WITHHOLDERS OF BIOMETRIC DATA.—Any alien who knowingly fails to comply with a lawful request for biometric data under section 215(c) or 235(d) is inadmissible.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine whether a ground for inadmissibility exists with respect to an alien described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(7) and may waive the application of such subparagraph for an individual alien or a class of aliens, at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 7208 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In fully implementing the automated biometric entry and exit data system under this section, the Secretary is not required to comply with the requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) or any other law relating to rulemaking, information collection, or publication in the Federal Register.”; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION AT ALL LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to implement the automated biometric entry and exit data system at all land border ports of entry.”.

#### SEC. 129. BORDER STUDY.

(a) SOUTHERN BORDER STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall conduct a study on the construction of a system of physical barriers along the southern international land and maritime border of the United States. The study shall include—



(1) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system, including the identification of areas of high priority for the construction of such a system determined after consideration of factors including the amount of narcotics trafficking and the number of illegal immigrants apprehended in such areas;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of constructing such a system;

(3) an assessment of the international, national, and regional environmental impact of such a system, including the impact on zoning, global climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, and transboundary pollution;

(4) an assessment of the necessity for ports of entry along such a system;

(5) an assessment of the impact such a system would have on international trade, commerce, and tourism;

(6) an assessment of the effect of such a system on private property rights including issues of eminent domain and riparian rights;

(7) an estimate of the costs associated with building a barrier system, including costs associated with excavation, construction, and maintenance;

(8) an assessment of the effect of such a system on Indian reservations and units of the National Park System; and

(9) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system after the implementation of provisions of this Act relating to guest workers, visa reform, and interior and worksite enforcement, and the likely effect of such provisions on undocumented immigration and the flow of illegal immigrants across the international border of the United States;

(10) an assessment of the impact of such a system on diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico, Central America, and South America, including the likely impact of such a system on existing and potential areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperative enforcement efforts;

(11) an assessment of the impact of such a system on the quality of life within border communities in the United States and Mexico, including its impact on noise and light pollution, housing, transportation, security, and environmental health;

(12) an assessment of the likelihood that such a system would lead to increased violations of the human rights, health, safety, or civil rights of individuals in the region near the southern international border of the United States, regardless of the immigration status of such individuals;

(13) an assessment of the effect such a system would have on violence near the southern international border of the United States; and

(14) an assessment of the effect of such a system on the vulnerability of the United States to infiltration by terrorists or other agents intending to inflict direct harm on the United States.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study described in subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 130. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department shall review each contract action relating to the Secure Border Initiative having a value of more than \$20,000,000, to determine whether each such action fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones, inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned business, and time lines. The Inspector General shall complete a review under this subsection with respect to each contract action—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of the initiation of the action; and

(2) upon the conclusion of the performance of the contract.

(b) **INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—

(1) **ACTION.**—If the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper conduct or wrongdoing in the course of conducting a contract review under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall, as expeditiously as practicable, refer information relating to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary, or to another appropriate official of the Department, who shall determine whether to temporarily suspend the contractor from further participation in the Secure Border Initiative.

(2) **REPORT.**—Upon the completion of each review described in subsection (a), the Inspector General shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the findings of the review, including findings regarding—

(A) cost overruns;

(B) significant delays in contract execution;

(C) lack of rigorous departmental contract management;

(D) insufficient departmental financial oversight;

(E) bundling that limits the ability of small businesses to compete; or

(F) other high risk business practices.

(c) **REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the receipt of each report required under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall submit a report, to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, that describes—

(A) the findings of the report received from the Inspector General; and

(B) the steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address the problems identified in such report.

(2) **CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.**—Not later than 60 days after the initiation of each contract action with a company whose headquarters is not based in the United States, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, regarding the Secure Border Initiative.

(d) **REPORTS ON UNITED STATES PORTS.**—Not later than 30 days after receiving information regarding a proposed purchase of a contract to manage the operations of a United States port by a foreign entity, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the proposed purchase;

(2) any security concerns related to the proposed purchase; and

(3) the manner in which such security concerns have been addressed.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Office, to enable the Office to carry out this section—

(1) for fiscal year 2007, not less than 5 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year;

(2) for fiscal year 2008, not less than 6 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year; and

(3) for fiscal year 2009, not less than 7 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year.

#### **SEC. 131. MANDATORY DETENTION FOR ALIENS APPREHENDED AT OR BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on October 1, 2007, an alien (other than a national of Mex-

ico) who is attempting to illegally enter the United States and who is apprehended at a United States port of entry or along the international land and maritime border of the United States shall be detained until removed or a final decision granting admission has been determined, unless the alien—

(1) is permitted to withdraw an application for admission under section 235(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(a)(4)) and immediately departs from the United States pursuant to such section; or

(2) is paroled into the United States by the Secretary for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit in accordance with section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)).

(b) **REQUIREMENTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.**—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2007, an alien described in subsection (a) may be released with a notice to appear only if—

(1) the Secretary determines, after conducting all appropriate background and security checks on the alien, that the alien does not pose a national security risk; and

(2) the alien provides a bond of not less than \$5,000.

(c) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—

(1) **ASYLUM AND REMOVAL.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of an alien to apply for asylum or for relief or deferral of removal based on a fear of persecution.

(2) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.**—The mandatory detention requirement in subsection (a) does not apply to any alien who is a native or citizen of a country in the Western Hemisphere with whose government the United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

(3) **DISCRETION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary, in the Secretary's sole unreviewable discretion, to determine whether an alien described in clause (ii) of section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be detained or released after a finding of a credible fear of persecution (as defined in clause (v) of such section).

#### **SEC. 132. EVASION OF INSPECTION OR VIOLATION OF ARRIVAL, REPORTING, ENTRY, OR CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### **“§ 554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements**

“(a) **PROHIBITION.**—A person shall be punished as described in subsection (b) if such person attempts to elude or eludes customs, immigration, or agriculture inspection or fails to stop at the command of an officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States at a port of entry or customs or immigration checkpoint;

“(b) **PENALTIES.**—A person who commits an offense described in subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) fined under this title;

“(2)(A) imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both;

“(B) imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if in commission of this violation, attempts to inflict or inflicts bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g) of this title); or

“(C) imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, if death results, and may be sentenced to death; or

“(3) both fined and imprisoned under this subsection.



“(c) CONSPIRACY.—If 2 or more persons conspire to commit an offense described in subsection (a), and 1 or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punishable as a principal, except that the sentence of death may not be imposed.

“(d) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.—For the purposes of seizure and forfeiture under applicable law, in the case of use of a vehicle or other conveyance in the commission of this offense, or in the case of disregarding or disobeying the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States under section 111(b) of this title, such conduct shall constitute prima facie evidence of smuggling aliens or merchandise.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end:

“554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.”.

(c) FAILURE TO OBEY BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDERS OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Whoever willfully disregards or disobeys the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of official duties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.”.

#### Subtitle D—Border Tunnel Prevention Act SEC. 141. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Prevention Act”.

#### SEC. 142. CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER TUNNEL OR PASSAGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### “§ 554. Border tunnels and passages

“(a) Any person who knowingly constructs or finances the construction of a tunnel or subterranean passage that crosses the international border between the United States and another country, other than a lawfully authorized tunnel or passage known to the Secretary of Homeland Security and subject to inspection by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 20 years.

“(b) Any person who knows or recklessly disregards the construction or use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) on land that the person owns or controls shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

“(c) Any person who uses a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) to unlawfully smuggle an alien, goods (in violation of section 545), controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction (including biological weapons), or a member of a terrorist organization (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi))) shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment that is twice the maximum term of imprisonment that would have otherwise been applicable had the unlawful activity not made use of such a tunnel or passage.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 554. Border tunnels and passages.”.

(c) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—Section 982(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “554,” before “1425.”.

#### SEC. 143. DIRECTIVE TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, and in accordance with this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall promulgate or amend sentencing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 132.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall—

(1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary reflect the serious nature of the offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, and the need for aggressive and appropriate law enforcement action to prevent such offenses;

(2) provide adequate base offense levels for offenses under such section;

(3) account for any aggravating or mitigating circumstances that might justify exceptions, including—

(A) the use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) of such section to facilitate other felonies; and

(B) the circumstances for which the sentencing guidelines currently provide applicable sentencing enhancements;

(4) ensure reasonable consistency with other relevant directives, other sentencing guidelines, and statutes;

(5) make any necessary and conforming changes to the sentencing guidelines and policy statements; and

(6) ensure that the sentencing guidelines adequately meet the purposes of sentencing set forth in section 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

#### TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT

#### SEC. 201. REMOVAL AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORIST ALIENS.

(a) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A)(v) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”.

(b) CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.—Section 240A(c)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking “inadmissible under” and inserting “described in”; and

(2) by striking “deportable under” and inserting “described in”.

(c) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—Section 240B(b)(1)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1229c(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)” and inserting “described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a)”.

(d) RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL.—Section 241(b)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iv) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) the alien is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) (other than an alien described in section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(IV) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there are not reasonable grounds for regarding the alien as a danger to the security of the United States).”; and

(4) in the undesignated paragraph, by striking “For purposes of clause (iv), an alien who is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) shall be considered to be an alien with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the United States.”.

(e) RECORD OF ADMISSION.—Section 249 (8 U.S.C. 1259) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 249. RECORD OF ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1972.

“A record of lawful admission for permanent residence may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, for any alien, as of the date of the approval of the alien’s application or, if entry occurred before July 1, 1924, as of the date of such entry if no such record is otherwise available, if the alien establishes that the alien—

“(1) is not described in section 212(a)(3)(E) or in section 212(a) (insofar as it relates to criminals, procurers, other immoral persons, subversives, violators of the narcotics laws, or smugglers of aliens);

“(2) entered the United States before January 1, 1972;

“(3) has resided in the United States continuously since such entry;

“(4) is a person of good moral character;

“(5) is not ineligible for citizenship; and

“(6) is not described in section 237(a)(4)(B).”.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to any act or condition constituting a ground for inadmissibility, excludability, or removal occurring or existing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 202. DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 241(a) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” the first place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;;

(B) by striking “Attorney General” any other place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the expiration date of the stay of removal.”.

(ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of 90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to—

“(i) make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order; or

“(ii) fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including failing to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspiring or acting to prevent the alien’s removal.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) TOLLING OF PERIOD.—If, at the time described in subparagraph (B), the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary under the authority of this Act, the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary lawfully transfers custody of the alien during the removal period to another Federal agency or to a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall recommence on the date on which the alien is returned to the custody of the Secretary.”;

(D) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge



orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administrative final order of removal, the Secretary, in the exercise of discretion, may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien’s conduct or activities, or to perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien—

“(i) to prevent the alien from absconding;

“(ii) for the protection of the community;

or

“(iii) for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “removal period and, if released,” and inserting “removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien”;

(G) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (10); and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) PAROLE.—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien’s parole or the alien’s removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.

“(8) ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF ALIENS.—The following procedures shall apply to an alien detained under this section:

“(A) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether an alien described in subparagraph (B) should be detained or released after the removal period in accordance with this paragraph.

“(B) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States;

“(ii) has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the alien’s removal order;

“(iii) has cooperated fully with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and to carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for the alien’s departure; and

“(iv) has not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

“(C) EVIDENCE.—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary—

“(i) shall consider any evidence submitted by the alien;

“(ii) may consider any other evidence, including—

“(I) any information or assistance provided by the Department of State or other Federal agency; and

“(II) any other information available to the Secretary pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

“(D) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR 90 DAYS BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(E) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any

limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized under subparagraph (D) until the alien is removed, if the Secretary—

“(i) determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

“(ii) certifies in writing—

“(I) in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety;

“(II) after receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, that the release of the alien would likely have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

“(III) based on information available to the Secretary (including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and regardless of the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), that there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States;

“(IV) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, and conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien—

“(AA) has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)(A)), or of 1 or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated felonies for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least 5 years; or

“(BB) has committed a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code, but not including a purely political offense) and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future; or

“(V) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, notwithstanding conditions of release designed to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)) for which the alien was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year.

“(F) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien pending a determination under subparagraph (E)(ii), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process identified in subparagraph (A) not later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(G) RENEWAL AND DELEGATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

“(i) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a certification under subparagraph (E)(ii) every 6 months, without limitation, after providing the alien with an opportunity to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary does not renew such certification, the Secretary shall release the alien, pursuant to subparagraph (H).

“(ii) DELEGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in subclause (II), (III), or (V) of subparagraph (E)(ii) to any employee reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iii) HEARING.—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General, provide for a hearing to make the determination described in subparagraph (E)(ii)(IV)(bb)(BB).

“(H) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary’s discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

“(I) REDETENTION.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain any alien subject to a final removal order who has previously been released from custody if—

“(i) the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release;

“(ii) the alien fails to continue to satisfy the conditions described in subparagraph (B); or

“(iii) upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under subparagraph (E).

“(J) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(K) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FAIL TO COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall detain an alien until the alien makes all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order and to cooperate fully with the Secretary’s efforts, if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States; and

“(ii)(I) and the alien faces a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed if the alien had not—

“(aa) failed or refused to make all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order;

“(bb) failed or refused to fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including the failure to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure; or

“(cc) conspired or acted to prevent removal; or

“(II) the Secretary makes a certification as specified in subparagraph (E), or the renewal of a certification specified in subparagraph (G).

“(L) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT EFFECTED AN ENTRY.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall follow the guidelines established in section 241.4 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, when detaining aliens who have not effected an entry. The Secretary may decide to apply the review process outlined in this paragraph.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of any action or decision made pursuant to paragraph (6), (7), or (8) shall be available exclusively in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and nonstatutory) available to the alien as of right.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall apply to—

(i) any alien subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any act or condition occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.



(b) CRIMINAL DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(B) by inserting “(1)” before “If, after a hearing”;

(C) in subparagraphs (B) and (C), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

(D) by adding after subparagraph (C), as redesignated, the following:

“(2) Subject to rebuttal by the person, it shall be presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person—

“(A) is an alien; and

“(B)(i) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

“(ii) is the subject of a final order of removal; or

“(iii) has committed a felony offense under section 911, 922(g)(5), 1015, 1028, 1425, or 1426 of this title, chapter 75 or 77 of this title, or section 243, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1324, 1325, 1326, 2327, and 1328).”;

(2) in subsection (g)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) the person’s immigration status; and”.

#### SEC. 203. AGGRAVATED FELONY.

(a) DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONY.—Section 101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The term ‘aggravated felony’ means—” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except for the provision providing an effective date for section 203 of the Comprehensive Reform Act of 2006), the term ‘aggravated felony’ applies to an offense described in this paragraph, whether in violation of Federal or State law and to such an offense in violation of the law of a foreign country, for which the term of imprisonment was completed within the previous 15 years, even if the length of the term of imprisonment is based on recidivist or other enhancements and regardless of whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996, and means—”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor;” and inserting “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor, whether or not the minority of the victim is established by evidence contained in the record of conviction or by evidence extrinsic to the record of conviction;”;

(3) in subparagraph (N), by striking “paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of”;

(4) in subparagraph (O), by striking “section 275(a) or 276 committed by an alien who was previously deported on the basis of a conviction for an offense described in another subparagraph of this paragraph” and inserting “section 275 or 276 for which the term of imprisonment is at least 1 year”;

(5) in subparagraph (U), by striking “an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense described in this paragraph” and inserting “aiding or abetting an offense described in this paragraph, or soliciting, counseling, procuring, commanding, or inducing another, attempting, or conspiring to commit such an offense”;

(6) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (U).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall—

(A) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply to any act that occurred on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICATION OF IRRAIRA AMENDMENTS.—The amendments to section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act made by section 321 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-627) shall continue to apply, whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996.

#### SEC. 204. TERRORIST BARS.

(a) DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4), as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Attorney General based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information;”;

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))” and inserting the following: “, regardless of whether the crime was defined as an aggravated felony under subsection (a)(43) at the time of the conviction, unless—

“(A) the person completed the term of imprisonment and sentence not later than 10 years before the date of application; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this paragraph; or”;

(3) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (9), by striking “a finding that for other reasons such person is or was not of good moral character” and inserting the following: “a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. In determining an applicant’s moral character, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General may take into consideration the applicant’s conduct and acts at any time and are not limited to the period during which good moral character is required.”.

(b) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A petition may not be approved under this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could directly or indirectly result in the petitioner’s denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner’s lawful permanent resident status.”.

(c) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(2) CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS.—Section 216A(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS.—Section 310(c) (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security’s final determination,” after “may”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “Except that in any proceeding, other than a proceeding under section 340, the court shall review for substantial evidence the administrative record and findings of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding whether an alien is a person of good moral character, understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or is

well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. The petitioner shall have the burden of showing that the Secretary’s denial of the application was contrary to law.”.

(e) PERSONS ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY.—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) PERSONS ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY.—A person may not be naturalized if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, that the person was once an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4).”.

(f) CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 318 (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended by striking “the Attorney General if” and all that follows and inserting: “the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court if there is pending against the applicant any removal proceeding or other proceeding to determine the applicant’s inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicant’s lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced. The findings of the Attorney General in terminating removal proceedings or canceling the removal of an alien under this Act shall not be deemed binding in any way upon the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the question of whether such person has established eligibility for naturalization in accordance with this title.”.

(g) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.—Section 336(b) (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE DISTRICT COURT.—If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews required under such section, the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. The Secretary shall notify the applicant when such examinations and interviews have been completed. Such district court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter, with appropriate instructions, to the Secretary for the Secretary’s determination on the application.”.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to any act that occurred on or after such date of enactment.

#### SEC. 205. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO GANG VIOLENCE, REMOVAL, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.

(a) CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—

(1) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (J); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who a consular officer, the Attorney General, or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang,



is inadmissible.”.

(2) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang,

is deportable.”.

(3) TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Section 244 (8 U.S.C. 1254a) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, for any reason (including national security), terminate or modify any designation under this section. Such termination or modification is effective upon publication in the Federal Register, or after such time as the Secretary may designate in the Federal Register.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a period of 12 or 18 months” and inserting “any other period not to exceed 18 months”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “The amount of any such fee shall not exceed \$50.”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “, or” at the end;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) the alien is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code).”; and

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may detain an alien provided temporary protected status under this section whenever appropriate under any other provision of law.”.

(b) PENALTIES RELATED TO REMOVAL.—Section 243 (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “212(a) or” after “section”; and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking “or imprisoned not more than four years” and inserting “and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years”; and

(ii) by striking “, or both”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both” and inserting “under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years (or for not more than 10 years if the alien is a member of any of the classes described in paragraphs (1)(E), (2), (3), and (4) of section 237(a)).”; and

(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) DENYING VISAS TO NATIONALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING ALIEN.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after making a determination that the government of a foreign country has denied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country after the alien has been ordered removed, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, may instruct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to any citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country until the country accepts the alien that was ordered removed.”.

(c) ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 274 (8 U.S.C. 1324), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.

“(a) CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.—

“(1) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), a person shall be punished as provided under paragraph (2), if the person—

“(A) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, or cross the border to the United States;

“(B) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien and regardless of whether such alien has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States;

“(C) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from 1 country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the alien is seeking to enter the United States without official permission or legal authority;

“(D) encourages or induces a person to reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in the United States;

“(E) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, if the transportation or movement will further the alien's illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

“(F) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States; or

“(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

“(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—A person who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) if the violation is the offender's first violation under this subparagraph, shall be

fined under such title, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(ii) if the violation is the offender's second or subsequent violation of this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 3 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(C) if the offense furthered or aided the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(D) shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both, if the offense created a substantial and foreseeable risk of death, a substantial and foreseeable risk of serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code), or inhumane conditions to another person, including—

“(i) transporting the person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting the person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting the person in, harboring the person in, or otherwise subjecting the person to crowded or dangerous conditions;

“(E) if the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code) to any person, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 7 years or more than 30 years, or both;

“(F) shall be fined under such title and imprisoned for not less than 10 years or more than 30 years if the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in terrorist activity;

“(G) if the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for a term of years not less than 10 years and up to life, and fined under title 18, United States Code.

“(3) LIMITATION.—It is not a violation of subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(A) for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses, provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the denomination for at least 1 year; or

“(B) for an individual or organization, not previously convicted of a violation of this section, to provide an alien who is present in the United States with humanitarian assistance, including medical care, housing, counseling, victim services, and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered.

“(4) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES.—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly employs 10 or more individuals with actual knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the individuals are



aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) DEFINITION.—An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3));

“(B) is present in the United States without lawful authority; and

“(C) has been brought into the United States in violation of this subsection.

“(c) SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any real or personal property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.—In determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, prima facie evidence that an alien involved in the alleged violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided in, remained in, or been present in the United States in violation of law shall include—

“(A) any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien's status or lack of status made by a Federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under Federal immigration law;

“(B) official records of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien's status or lack of status; and

“(C) testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien's status or lack of status.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO ARREST.—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except—

“(1) officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class; and

“(2) other officers responsible for the enforcement of Federal criminal laws.

“(e) ADMISSIBILITY OF VIDEOTAPED WITNESS TESTIMONY.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped or otherwise audiovisually preserved deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if—

“(1) the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition by the party, if any, opposing admission of the testimony; and

“(2) the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall—

“(A) develop and implement an outreach program to educate people in and out of the United States about the penalties for bringing in and harboring aliens in violation of this section; and

“(B) establish the American Local and Interior Enforcement Needs (ALIEN) Task Force to identify and respond to the use of Federal, State, and local transportation infrastructure to further the trafficking of unlawful aliens within the United States.

“(2) FIELD OFFICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after consulting with State and local government officials, shall establish such field offices as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.—An alien is deemed to have crossed the border into the United States regardless of whether the alien is free from official restraint.

“(2) LAWFUL AUTHORITY.—The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or accompanying regulations. The term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law or authority sought, but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States if such coming to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(3) PROCEEDS.—The term ‘proceeds’ includes any property or interest in property obtained or retained as a consequence of an act or omission in violation of this section.

“(4) UNLAWFUL TRANSIT.—The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present or any country from which the alien is traveling or moving.”.

“(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 274 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”.

(d) PROHIBITING CARRYING OR USING A FIREARM DURING AND IN RELATION TO AN ALIEN SMUGGLING CRIME.—Section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “any crime of violence”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “such crime of violence”;

(C) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “crime of violence”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘alien smuggling crime’ means any felony punishable under section 274(a), 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a), 1327, and 1328)).”.

**SEC. 206. ILLEGAL ENTRY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 275 (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 275. ILLEGAL ENTRY.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSES.—An alien shall be subject to the penalties set forth in paragraph (2) if the alien—

“(A) knowingly enters or crosses the border into the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(B) knowingly eludes examination or inspection by an immigration officer (including failing to stop at the command of such officer), or a customs or agriculture inspection at a port of entry; or

“(C) knowingly enters or crosses the border to the United States by means of a knowingly false or misleading representation or the knowing concealment of a material fact (including such representation or concealment in the context of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements of the customs law, immigration laws, agriculture laws, or shipping laws).

“(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall, for the first violation, be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

“(B) shall, for a second or subsequent violation, or following an order of voluntary departure, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both;

“(C) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors or for a felony, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(D) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; and

“(E) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (2) are elements of the offenses described in that paragraph and the penalties in such subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(A) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(B) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(4) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—An offense under this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by an immigration officer.

“(5) ATTEMPT.—Whoever attempts to commit any offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as for a completion of such offense.

“(b) IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE; CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who is apprehended while entering, attempting to enter, or knowingly crossing or attempting to cross the border to the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be subject to a civil penalty, in addition to any criminal or other civil penalties that may be imposed under any other provision of law, in an amount equal to—

“(A) not less than \$50 or more than \$250 for each such entry, crossing, attempted entry, or attempted crossing; or

“(B) twice the amount specified in paragraph (1) if the alien had previously been subject to a civil penalty under this subsection.

“(2) CROSSED THE BORDER DEFINED.—In this section, an alien is deemed to have crossed the border if the act was voluntary, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 275 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 275. Illegal entry.”.

**SEC. 207. ILLEGAL REENTRY.**

Section 276 (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended to read as follows:



**"SEC. 276. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.**

"(a) REENTRY AFTER REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

"(b) REENTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.—Notwithstanding the penalty provided in subsection (a), if an alien described in that subsection—

"(1) was convicted for 3 or more misdemeanors or a felony before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

"(2) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

"(3) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;

"(4) was convicted for 3 felonies before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; or

"(5) was convicted, before such removal or departure, for murder, rape, kidnapping, or a felony offense described in chapter 77 (relating to peonage and slavery) or 113B (relating to terrorism) of such title, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(c) REENTRY AFTER REPEATED REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

"(d) PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subsection (b) are elements of the crimes described in that subsection, and the penalties in that subsection shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

"(1) alleged in the indictment or information; and

"(2) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

"(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that—

"(1) prior to the alleged violation, the alien had sought and received the express consent of the Secretary of Homeland Security to reapply for admission into the United States; or

"(2) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, the alien—

"(A) was not required to obtain such advance consent under the Immigration and Nationality Act or any prior Act; and

"(B) had complied with all other laws and regulations governing the alien's admission into the United States.

"(f) LIMITATION ON COLLATERAL ATTACK ON UNDERLYING REMOVAL ORDER.—In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of any prior removal order concerning the alien unless the alien demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that—

"(1) the alien exhausted all administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;

"(2) the removal proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and

"(3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

"(g) REENTRY OF ALIEN REMOVED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.—Any alien removed pursuant to section 241(a)(4) who enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in, the United States shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release unless the alien affirmatively demonstrates that the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien's reentry. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of removed aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

"(h) LIMITATION.—It is not aiding and abetting a violation of this section for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered without compensation or the expectation of compensation.

"(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) CROSSES THE BORDER.—The term 'crosses the border' applies if an alien acts voluntarily, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.

"(2) FELONY.—Term 'felony' means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

"(3) MISDEMEANOR.—The term 'misdemeanor' means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year under the applicable laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

"(4) REMOVAL.—The term 'removal' includes any denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal, or any agreement by which an alien stipulates or agrees to exclusion, deportation, or removal.

"(5) STATE.—The term 'State' means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States."

**SEC. 208. REFORM OF PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.**

(a) PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 75—PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD**

"Sec.

"1541. Trafficking in passports.

"1542. False statement in an application for a passport.

"1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport.

"1544. Misuse of a passport.

"1545. Schemes to defraud aliens.

"1546. Immigration and visa fraud.

"1547. Marriage fraud.

"1548. Attempts and conspiracies.

"1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses.

"1550. Seizure and forfeiture.

"1551. Additional jurisdiction.

"1552. Additional venue.

"1553. Definitions.

"1554. Authorized law enforcement activities.

"1555. Exception for refugees and asylees.

**"§ 1541. Trafficking in passports**

"(a) MULTIPLE PASSPORTS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

"(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more passports;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more passports;

"(3) secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more passports, knowing the passports to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more applications for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), knowing the applications to contain any false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(b) PASSPORT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material used to make a passport shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

**"§ 1542. False statement in an application for a passport**

"Any person who knowingly—

"(1) makes any false statement or representation in an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation);

"(2) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation) knowing the application to contain any false statement or representation; or

"(3) causes or attempts to cause the production of a passport by means of any fraud or false application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), if such production occurs or would occur at a facility authorized by the Secretary of State for the production of passports,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

**"§ 1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport**

"(a) FORGERY.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any passport; or

"(2) knowingly transfers any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, or to have been produced or issued without lawful authority, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) UNLAWFUL PRODUCTION.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority—

"(1) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a passport in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance of the passport;

"(2) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a United States passport for or to any person not owing allegiance to the United States; or

"(3) transfers or furnishes a passport to a person for use when such person is not the person for whom the passport was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

**"§ 1544. Misuse of a passport**

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly uses any passport issued or designed for the use of another;

"(2) knowingly uses any passport in violation of the conditions or restrictions therein



contained, or in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance and use of the passport;

“(3) knowingly secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) knowingly violates the terms and conditions of any safe conduct duly obtained and issued under the authority of the United States,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) ENTRY; FRAUD.—Any person who knowingly uses any passport, knowing the passport to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, produced or issued without lawful authority, or issued or designed for the use of another—

“(1) to enter or to attempt to enter the United States; or

“(2) to defraud the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1545. Schemes to defraud aliens

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly executes a scheme or artifice, in connection with any matter that is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws, or any matter the offender claims or represents is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws—

“(1) to defraud any person, or

“(2) to obtain or receive from any person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, money or anything else of value,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who knowingly and falsely represents himself to be an attorney in any matter arising under Federal immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1546. Immigration and visa fraud

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly—

“(1) uses any immigration document issued or designed for the use of another;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any immigration document;

“(3) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits any immigration document knowing it to contain any materially false statement or representation;

“(4) secures, possesses, uses, transfers, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any immigration document knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority;

“(5) adopts or uses a false or fictitious name to evade or to attempt to evade the immigration laws; or

“(6) transfers or furnishes an immigration document to a person without lawful authority for use if such person is not the person for whom the immigration document was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

“(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more immigration documents;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more immigration documents;

“(3) secures, possesses, uses, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more immigration documents, knowing the immigration documents to be forged, counterfeited, altered, stolen,

falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more immigration documents knowing the documents to contain any materially false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material, used to make an immigration document shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1547. Marriage fraud

“(a) EVASION OR MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

“(2) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

“(A) in an application or document authorized by the immigration laws; or

“(B) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals),

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into 2 or more marriages for the purpose of evading any immigration law; or

“(2) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates 2 or more marriages designed or intended to evade any immigration law, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—Any person who knowingly establishes a commercial enterprise for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An offense under subsection (a) or (b) continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

“(2) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—An offense under subsection (c) continues until the fraudulent nature of commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer or other law enforcement officer.

#### “§ 1548. Attempts and conspiracies

“Any person who attempts or conspires to violate any section of this chapter shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completed a violation of that section.

#### “§ 1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses

“(a) TERRORISM.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331); or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 25 years, or both.

“(b) OFFENSE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate the commission of any offense

against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year; or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1550. Seizure and forfeiture

“(a) FORFEITURE.—Any property, real or personal, used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of any section of this chapter, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General.

#### “§ 1551. Additional jurisdiction

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter.

“(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter outside the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter if—

“(1) the offense involves a United States immigration document (or any document purporting to be such a document) or any matter, right, or benefit arising under or authorized by Federal immigration laws;

“(2) the offense is in or affects foreign commerce;

“(3) the offense affects, jeopardizes, or poses a significant risk to the lawful administration of Federal immigration laws, or the national security of the United States;

“(4) the offense is committed to facilitate an act of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331) or a drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 929(a)(2)) that affects or would affect the national security of the United States;

“(5) the offender is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))) or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(20) of such Act); or

“(6) the offender is a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States.

#### “§ 1552. Additional venue

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offense under section 1542 may be prosecuted in—

“(1) any district in which the false statement or representation was made;

“(2) any district in which the passport application was prepared, submitted, mailed, received, processed, or adjudicated; or

“(3) in the case of an application prepared and adjudicated outside the United States, in the district in which the resultant passport was produced.

“(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the venue otherwise available under sections 3237 and 3238.

#### “§ 1553. Definitions

“As used in this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘falsely make’ means to prepare or complete an immigration document



with knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the document—

“(A) contains a statement or representation that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent;

“(B) has no basis in fact or law; or

“(C) otherwise fails to state a fact which is material to the purpose for which the document was created, designed, or submitted.

“(2) The term a ‘false statement or representation’ includes a personation or an omission.

“(3) The term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) The term ‘immigration document’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any passport or visa; or

“(ii) any application, petition, affidavit, declaration, attestation, form, identification card, alien registration document, employment authorization document, border crossing card, certificate, permit, order, license, stamp, authorization, grant of authority, or other evidentiary document, arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States; and

“(B) includes any document, photograph, or other piece of evidence attached to or submitted in support of an immigration document.

“(5) The term ‘immigration laws’ includes—

“(A) the laws described in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

“(B) the laws relating to the issuance and use of passports; and

“(C) the regulations prescribed under the authority of any law described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) The term ‘immigration proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.

“(7) A person does not exercise ‘lawful authority’ if the person abuses or improperly exercises lawful authority the person otherwise holds.

“(8) The term ‘passport’ means a travel document attesting to the identity and nationality of the bearer that is issued under the authority of the Secretary of State, a foreign government, or an international organization; or any instrument purporting to be the same.

“(9) The term ‘produce’ means to make, prepare, assemble, issue, print, authenticate, or alter.

“(10) The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### “§ 1554. Authorized law enforcement activities

“Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an intelligence agency of the United States, or any activity authorized under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 933).

#### “§ 1555. Exception for refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable persons

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a person believed to have violated section 1542, 1544, 1546, or 1548 while attempting to enter the United States, without delay, indicates an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158 and 1231), or for relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (in accordance with section 208.17 of title 8, Code of Federal Regula-

tions), or under section 101(a)(15)(T), 101(a)(15)(U), 101(a)(27)(J), 101(a)(51), 216(c)(4)(C), 240A(b)(2), or 244(a)(3) (as in effect prior to March 31, 1997) of such Act, or a credible fear of persecution or torture—

“(1) the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal immigration official to review such claim and make a determination if such claim is warranted;

“(2) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person qualifies for the claimed relief, the person shall not be considered to have violated any such section; and

“(3) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person does not qualify for the claimed relief, the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal official for prosecution under this chapter.

“(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, increase, or alter the obligations of refugees or the United States under article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters in title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 75 and inserting the following:

#### “75. Passport, visa, and immigration fraud ..... 1541”.

(b) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—Section 208 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall develop binding prosecution guidelines for federal prosecutors to ensure that any prosecution of an alien seeking entry into the United States by fraud is consistent with the written terms and limitations of Article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

#### SEC. 209. INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “, or” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after subclause (II) the following:

“(III) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 237(a)(3)(B)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) of a violation of any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to proceedings pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to conduct occurring on or after that date.

#### SEC. 210. INCARCERATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.

(a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) or shall develop and implement another program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary may extend the scope of the Program to all States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State may—

(1) hold an illegal alien for a period not to exceed 14 days after the completion of the alien’s State prison sentence to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody if the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until authorized employees of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

(c) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology, such as videoconferencing, shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make the Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as IDENT, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the participation of States in the Program and in any other program authorized under subsection (a).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the Program.

#### SEC. 211. ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240B (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection instead of being subject to proceedings under section 240.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Attorney General may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection after the initiation of removal proceedings under section 240 and before the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 120 days. The Secretary may require an alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;



(iii) by adding after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive the requirement to post a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will pose a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(vi) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(F) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a period exceeding 60 days” and inserting “any period in excess of 45 days”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.—Voluntary departure may only be granted as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review relating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—In connection with the alien’s agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) ADVISALS.—Agreements relating to voluntary departure granted during removal proceedings under section 240, or at the conclusion of such proceedings, shall be presented on the record before the immigration judge. The immigration judge shall advise the alien of the consequences of a voluntary departure agreement before accepting such agreement.

“(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including failure to timely post any required bond), the alien is—

“(i) ineligible for the benefits of the agreement;

“(ii) subject to the penalties described in subsection (d); and

“(iii) subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b).

“(B) EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.—If, after agreeing to voluntary departure, the alien files a timely appeal of the immigra-

tion judge’s decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien’s voluntary departure agreement and the consequences of such agreement, but precludes the alien from another grant of voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.

“(5) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary in writing in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien’s obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”;

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an alien is permitted to voluntarily depart under this section and fails to voluntarily depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the alien will be subject to the following penalties:

“(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—The alien shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000. The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record. If the Secretary thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law. An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this chapter until this civil penalty is paid.

“(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—The alien shall be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249. The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily shall inform the alien of the penalties under this subsection.

“(3) REOPENING.—The alien shall be ineligible to reopen the final order of removal that took effect upon the alien’s failure to depart, or upon the alien’s other violations of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2). This paragraph does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the order granting voluntary departure in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”;

(5) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) ELIGIBILITY.—

“(1) PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—An alien shall not be permitted to voluntarily depart under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for vol-

untary departure under subsections (a)(2) or (b) of this section for any class or classes of aliens.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D) of this Act, sections 1361, 1651, and 2241 of title 28, United States Code, any other habeas corpus provision, and any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c(d)).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(6) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is filed on or after such date.

## SEC. 212. DETERRING ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED FROM REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES UNLAWFULLY.

(a) INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—Section 212(a)(9)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such removal (or within 20 years)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 5 years after the date of the alien’s removal (or not later than 20 years after the alien’s removal”;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien’s departure or removal (or within 20 years of)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 10 years after the date of the alien’s departure or removal (or not later than 20 years after”.

(b) BAR ON DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—Section 274D (9 U.S.C. 324d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Commissioner” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless a timely motion to reopen is granted under section 240(c)(6), an alien described in subsection (a) shall be ineligible for any discretionary relief from removal (including cancellation of removal and adjustment of status) during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure from the United States.

“(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the final order of removal in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to aliens who are subject to a final order of removal entered on or after such date.



**SEC. 213. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO, OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN ALIENS.**

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”;

(2) in subsection (g)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”.

(3) in subsection (y)—

(A) in the header, by striking “ADMITTED UNDER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS” and inserting “IN A NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) the term ‘nonimmigrant classification’ includes all classes of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), or otherwise described in the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of such Act).”;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa” and inserting “is in a nonimmigrant classification”;

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “Any individual who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)” and inserting “Any alien in a nonimmigrant classification may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)(B).”.

**SEC. 214. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PEONAGE OFFENSES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3291 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses**

“No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of any section of chapters 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship offenses), 75 (relating to passport, visa, and immigration offenses), or 77 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, for a violation of any criminal provision under section 243, 266, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1306, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 1328), or for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, unless the indictment is returned or the information filed not later than 10 years after the commission of the offense.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3291 and inserting the following:

“3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.”.

**SEC. 215. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.**

Section 2709(a)(1) of title 22, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) conduct investigations concerning—  
“(A) illegal passport or visa issuance or use;

“(B) identity theft or document fraud affecting or relating to the programs, functions, and authorities of the Department of State;

“(C) violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and

“(D) Federal offenses committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code);”.

**SEC. 216. FIELD AGENT ALLOCATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) MINIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS IN STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate to each State—

“(A) not fewer than 40 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to—

“(i) investigate immigration violations; and

“(ii) ensure the departure of all removable aliens; and

“(B) not fewer than 15 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to carry out immigration and naturalization adjudication functions.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) for any State with a population of less than 2,000,000, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriate background and security checks, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be completed and assessed and any suspected or alleged fraud relating to the granting of any status (including the granting of adjustment of status), relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under this Act shall be investigated and resolved before the Secretary or the Attorney General may—

“(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

“(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Secretary, the Attorney General, or any court.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 217. CONSTRUCTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title III (8 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 362. CONSTRUCTION.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any Federal agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

“(1) any alien described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of section 212(a)(3) or subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

“(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien’s inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

“(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.

“(b) DENIAL; WITHHOLDING.—An official described in subsection (a) may deny or withhold (with respect to an alien described in subsection (a)(1)) or withhold pending resolution of the investigation, case, or law enforcement checks (with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a)) any such application, petition, status, or benefit on such basis.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 361 the following:

“Sec. 362. Construction.”.

**SEC. 218. STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—The Secretary shall reimburse States and units of local government for costs associated with processing undocumented criminal aliens through the criminal justice system, including—

- (1) indigent defense;
- (2) criminal prosecution;
- (3) autopsies;
- (4) translators and interpreters; and
- (5) courts costs.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out subsection (a).

(2) COMPENSATION UPON REQUEST.—Section 241(i)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry this subsection—

“(A) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007;

“(B) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(C) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(D) \$950,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 501 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 219. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide sufficient transportation and officers to take illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers into custody for processing at a detention facility operated by the Department.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 220. REDUCING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ALIEN SMUGGLING ON TRIBAL LANDS.**

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may award grants to Indian tribes with lands adjacent to an international border of the United States that have been adversely affected by illegal immigration.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used for—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) health care services;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) the preservation of cultural resources.



(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

(1) describes the level of access of Border Patrol agents on tribal lands;

(2) describes the extent to which enforcement of immigration laws may be improved by enhanced access to tribal lands;

(3) contains a strategy for improving such access through cooperation with tribal authorities; and

(4) identifies grants provided by the Department for Indian tribes, either directly or through State or local grants, relating to border security expenses.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 221. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.

The Secretary shall conduct a study of—

(1) the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring devices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders;

(2) the effectiveness of the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program and the costs and benefits of expanding that program to all States; and

(3) other alternatives to detention, including—

(A) release on an order of recognizance;

(B) appearance bonds; and

(C) electronic monitoring devices.

#### SEC. 222. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 101(a)(43)(P) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(P)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) which either is falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering a passport or instrument in violation of section 1543 of title 18, United States Code, or is described in section 1546(a) of such title (relating to document fraud) and (ii)” and inserting “which is described in chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, and”; and

(2) by inserting the following: “that is not described in section 1548 of such title (relating to increased penalties), and” after “first offense”.

#### SEC. 223. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) CLARIFYING ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 265 (8 U.S.C. 1305) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “notify the Attorney General in writing” and inserting “submit written or electronic notification to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in a manner approved by the Secretary.”;

(B) by striking “the Attorney General may require by regulation” and inserting “the Secretary may require”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “If the alien is involved in proceedings before an immigration judge or in an administrative appeal of such proceedings, the alien shall submit to the Attorney General the alien’s current address and a telephone number, if any, at which the alien may be contacted.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “given to such parent” and inserting “given by such parent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary under paragraph (2), an address provided by an alien under this section shall be the alien’s current residen-

tial mailing address, and shall not be a post office box or other non-residential mailing address or the address of an attorney, representative, labor organization, or employer.

“(2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may provide specific requirements with respect to—

“(A) designated classes of aliens and special circumstances, including aliens who are employed at a remote location; and

“(B) the reporting of address information by aliens who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local correctional facility.

“(3) DETENTION.—An alien who is being detained by the Secretary under this Act is not required to report the alien’s current address under this section during the time the alien remains in detention, but shall be required to notify the Secretary of the alien’s address under this section at the time of the alien’s release from detention.

“(e) USE OF MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE ALIEN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the appropriate coordination and cross referencing of address information provided by an alien under this section with other information relating to the alien’s address under other Federal programs, including—

“(A) any information pertaining to the alien, which is submitted in any application, petition, or motion filed under this Act with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Labor;

“(B) any information available to the Attorney General with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal or judicial review of such proceeding;

“(C) any information collected with respect to nonimmigrant foreign students or exchange program participants under section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372); and

“(D) any information collected from State or local correctional agencies pursuant to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

“(2) RELIANCE.—The Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under this section or section 264 to send to the alien any notice, form, document, or other matter pertaining to Federal immigration laws, including service of a notice to appear. The Attorney General and the Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under section 239(a)(1)(F) to contact the alien about pending removal proceedings.

“(3) OBLIGATION.—The alien’s provision of an address for any other purpose under the Federal immigration laws does not excuse the alien’s obligation to submit timely notice of the alien’s address to the Secretary under this section (or to the Attorney General under section 239(a)(1)(F) with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal of such proceeding).”

(b) CONFORMING CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.—Chapter 7 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 262(c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in section 263(a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(3) in section 264—

(A) in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General is authorized” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General are authorized”; and

(ii) by striking “Attorney General or the Service” and inserting “Secretary or the Attorney General”.

(c) PENALTIES.—Section 266 (8 U.S.C. 1306) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ALIEN’S CURRENT ADDRESS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien or any parent or legal guardian in the United States of any minor alien who fails to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the alien’s current address in accordance with section 265 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION STATUS.—Any alien who violates section 265 (regardless of whether the alien is punished under paragraph (1)) and does not establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful shall be taken into custody in connection with removal of the alien. If the alien has not been inspected or admitted, or if the alien has failed on more than 1 occasion to submit notice of the alien’s current address as required under section 265, the alien may be presumed to be a flight risk. The Secretary or the Attorney General, in considering any form of relief from removal which may be granted in the discretion of the Secretary or the Attorney General, may take into consideration the alien’s failure to comply with section 265 as a separate negative factor. If the alien failed to comply with the requirements of section 265 after becoming subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, the alien’s failure shall be considered as a strongly negative factor with respect to any discretionary motion for reopening or reconsideration filed by the alien.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or a notice of current address” before “containing statements”; and

(3) in subsections (c) and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to proceedings initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are effective as if enacted on March 1, 2003.

#### SEC. 224. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 287(g) (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If such training is provided by a State or political subdivision of a State to an officer or employee of such State or political subdivision of a State, the cost of such training (including applicable overtime costs) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The cost of any equipment required to be purchased under such written agreement and necessary to perform the functions under this subsection shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to



the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section.

#### SEC. 225. REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(43)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(F)) is amended by inserting “, including a third drunk driving conviction, regardless of the States in which the convictions occurred or whether the offenses are classified as misdemeanors or felonies under State law,” after “offense”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to convictions entered before, on, or after such date.

#### SEC. 226. MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and before June 1, 2006.”

#### SEC. 227. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien—

“(A) has not been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(B) was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act.”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

#### SEC. 228. PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

(a) IMMIGRANTS.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “Any” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (vii), any”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

“(vii) Clause (i) shall not apply to a citizen of the United States who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the citizen poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in clause (i) is filed.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting the following: “(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), any alien”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Subclause (I) shall not apply in the case of an alien admitted for permanent residence who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in subclause (I) is filed.”.

(b) NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 101(a)(15)(K) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)), is amended by inserting “(other than a citizen described in section 204(a)(1)(A)(vii))” after “citizen of the United States” each place that phrase appears.

#### SEC. 229. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et. seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

#### “SEC. 240D. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF ALIENS TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, law enforcement personnel of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody (including the transportation across State lines to detention centers) an alien for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the criminal provisions of the immigration laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

“(b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

“(c) TRANSFER.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State)

exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an alien lawfully admitted to the United States or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States; and

“(B) if the individual is an alien who is not lawfully admitted to the United States or otherwise is not lawfully present in the United States—

“(i) take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government not later than 72 hours after—

“(I) the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process; or

“(II) the illegal alien is apprehended, if no State charging or dismissal process is required; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State, or a political subdivision of a State, for expenses, as verified by the Secretary, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of an alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) the cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (c) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that—

“(1) aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this section are held in facilities which provide an appropriate level of security; and

“(2) if practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(f) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular



circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended aliens from the custody of those States, and political subdivisions of States, which routinely submit requests described in subsection (c), into Federal custody.

“(g) **AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) **DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.**—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or if appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located, has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.”

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.).

#### **SEC. 230. LAUNDERING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENTS.**

Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “section 1590 (relating to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor),” after “section 1363 (relating to destruction of property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction),”; and

(2) by inserting “section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.1324(a)) (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens),” after “section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) (relating to aviation smuggling),”.

#### **SEC. 231. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**

(a) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(3) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) (as amended by section 211(a)(1)(C)), subsection (b)(2) of such section 240B, or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States; and

(D) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) **REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.**—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(3) **PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice, shall develop and implement a procedure by which an alien may petition the Secretary or head of the National Crime Information Center, as appropriate, to remove any erroneous information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien. Under such procedures, failure by the alien to receive notice of a violation of the immigration laws shall not constitute cause for removing information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien, unless such information is erroneous. Notwithstanding the 180-day time period set forth in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not provide the information required under paragraph (1) until the procedures required by this paragraph are developed and implemented.

(b) **INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States; and”.

#### **SEC. 232. COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.**

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall negotiate and execute, where practicable, a cooperative enforcement agreement described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) with at least 1 law enforcement agency in each State, to train law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of individuals engaged in transporting, harboring, sheltering, or encouraging aliens in violation of section 274 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

#### **SEC. 233. INCREASE OF FEDERAL DETENTION SPACE AND THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1990.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall construct or acquire, in addition to existing facilities for the detention of aliens, 20 detention facilities in the United States that have the capacity to detain a combined total of not less than 10,000 individuals at any time for aliens detained pending removal or a decision on removal of such aliens from the United States.

(2) **DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.**—The location of any detention facility built or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined with the concurrence of the Secretary by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department. The detention facilities shall be located so as to enable the officers and employees of the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(3) **USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.**—In acquiring detention facilities under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with paragraph (1).

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 241(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### **SEC. 234. DETERMINATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL OFFENSES.**

(a) **RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.**—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the office of the United States Attorney that is prosecuting a criminal case in a Federal court—

(1) shall determine, not later than 30 days after filing the initial pleadings in the case, whether each defendant in the case is lawfully present in the United States (subject to subsequent legal proceedings to determine otherwise);

(2)(A) if the defendant is determined to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination and the current status of the alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(B) if the defendant is determined not to be lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination, the defendant's alien status, and, to the extent possible, the country of origin or legal residence of the defendant; and

(3) ensure that the information described in paragraph (2) is included in the case file and the criminal records system of the office of the United States attorney.

(b) **GUIDELINES.**—A determination made under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in accordance with guidelines of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice.

(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL COURTS.**—

(1) **MODIFICATIONS OF RECORDS AND CASE MANAGEMENTS SYSTEMS.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, all Federal courts that hear criminal cases, or appeals of criminal cases, shall modify their criminal records and case management systems, in accordance with guidelines which the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall establish, so as to enable accurate reporting of information described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) **DATA ENTRIES.**—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal court described in paragraph (1) shall enter into its electronic records the information contained in each notification to the court under subsection (a)(2).

(d) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide a basis for admitting evidence to a jury or releasing information to the public regarding an alien's immigration status.

(e) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall include, in the annual report filed with Congress under section 604 of title 28, United States Code—

(1) statistical information on criminal trials of aliens in the courts and criminal convictions of aliens in the lower courts and upheld on appeal, including the type of crime in each case and including information on the legal status of the aliens; and

(2) recommendations on whether additional court resources are needed to accommodate the volume of criminal cases brought against aliens in the Federal courts.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated pursuant to this



subsection in any fiscal year shall remain available until expended.

### TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS

#### SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing or with reason to know that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—If the Secretary determines that an employer has hired more than 10 unauthorized aliens during a calendar year, a rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding, that the employer knew or had reason to know that such aliens were unauthorized.

“(5) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record-keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that complies with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that is not in compliance with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, if the license or identity card—

“(I) is not required by the Secretary to comply with such requirements; and

“(II) contains the individual's photograph or information, including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(iii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iv) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for



employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—The employer shall maintain records related to an individual of any no-match notice from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding the individual's name or corresponding social security account number and the steps taken to resolve each issue described in the no-match notice.

“(C) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(D) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement

an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability; and

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner

in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether such social security account number is valid for employment in the United States; and

“(iv) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after such date of enactment, if the Secretary determines, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, such employer or class of employer is—

“(I) part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; or

“(II) directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may require an additional employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired on or after such date if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 5,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MIDSIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with less than 5,000 employees and with 1,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all



employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers with less than 1,000 employees and with 250 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, if the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.

“(5) WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual’s social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require; and

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual’s iden-

tity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and the individual may contest such nonconfirmation notice.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such a failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall

be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(11) FEES.—The Secretary is authorized to require any employer participating in the System to pay a fee or fees for such participation. The fees may be set at a level that will recover the full cost of providing the System to all participants. The fees shall be deposited and remain available as provided in subsection (m) and (n) of section 286 and the System is providing an immigration adjudication and naturalization service for purposes of section 286(n).

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this



section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary's intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORD KEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b), (c), or (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—

“(1) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) WAIVER.—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or



take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) **SUSPENSION.**—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**—

“(1) **DOCUMENTATION.**—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) **PREEMPTION.**—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) requiring, as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business, that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.

“(j) **DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(k) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) **EMPLOYER.**—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) **NO-MATCH NOTICE.**—The term ‘no-match notice’ means written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.

“(3) **SECRETARY.**—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(4) **UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.**—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—

(1) **AMENDMENT.**—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

(2) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) **EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

“(2) **DEPOSITS.**—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) **PURPOSE.**—Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

“(4) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”

#### SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.

(a) **WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.**—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **FRAUD DETECTION.**—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigration fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

#### TITLE IV—REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

##### SEC. 401. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien is not eligible for status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 501 of this Act, or deferred mandatory departure status under section 218B of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 601 of this Act, unless the home country of the alien has entered into a bilateral agreement with the United States that conforms to the requirements under subsection (b).

(b) **REQUIREMENTS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.**—Each agreement under subsection (a) shall require the home country to—

(1) accept, within 3 days, the return of nationals who are ordered removed from the United States;

(2) cooperate with the United States Government in—

(A) identifying, tracking, and reducing gang membership, violence, and human trafficking and smuggling; and

(B) controlling illegal immigration;

(3) provide the United States Government with—

(A) passport information and criminal records of aliens who are seeking admission to or are present in the United States; and

(B) admission and entry data to facilitate United States entry-exit data systems;

(4) take steps to educate nationals of the home country regarding the program under title V or VI to ensure that such nationals are not exploited; and

(5) provide a minimum level of health coverage to its participants.

(c) **RULEMAKING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, by regulation, define the minimum level of health coverage to be provided by participating countries.

(2) **RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN COVERAGE.**—If the health coverage provided by the home country falls below the minimum level defined pursuant to paragraph (1), the employer of the alien shall provide or the alien shall obtain coverage that meets such minimum level.

(d) **HOUSING.**—Participating countries shall agree to evaluate means to provide housing incentives in the alien’s home country for returning workers.

#### TITLE V—NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM

##### SEC. 501. NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.

(a) **NEW TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.**—Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(W) an alien having a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform temporary labor or service, other than that which would qualify an alien for status under sections 101(a)(15)(H)(i), 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 101(a)(15)(L), 101(a)(15)(O), 101(a)(15)(P), and who meets the requirements of section 218A; or”.

(b) **REPEAL OF H-2B CATEGORY.**—Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii) is amended by striking “, or (b) having a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform other temporary service or labor if unemployed persons capable of performing such service or labor cannot be found in this country, but this clause shall not apply to graduates of medical schools coming to the United States to perform services as members of the medical profession”.

(c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (U)(iii), by striking “or” at the end; and

(2) in subparagraph (V)(ii)(II), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “or”.

##### SEC. 502. TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218 the following new section:

##### “SEC. 218A. TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State may grant a temporary visa to a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W) who demonstrates an intent to perform labor or services in the United States (other than those occupational classifications covered under the provisions of clause (i)(b) or (ii)(a) of section 101(a)(15)(H) or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R)) of section 101(a)(15)).

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.**—In order to be eligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(W), an alien shall meet the following requirements:

“(1) **ELIGIBILITY TO WORK.**—The alien shall establish that the alien is capable of performing the labor or services required for an occupation under section 101(a)(15)(W).



“(2) EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.—The alien must establish that he has a job offer from an employer authorized to hire aliens under the Alien Employment Management Program.

“(3) FEE.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

“(4) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—The alien shall undergo a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(5) APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.—

“(A) APPLICATION FORM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall create an application form that an alien shall be required to complete as a condition of being admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(B) CONTENT.—In addition to any other information that the Secretary determines is required to determine an alien's eligibility for admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W), the Secretary shall require an alien to provide information concerning the alien's physical and mental health, criminal history and gang membership, immigration history, involvement with groups or individuals that have engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States Government, voter registration history, claims to United States citizenship, and tax history.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may require an alien to include with the application a waiver of rights that explains to the alien that, in exchange for the discretionary benefit of admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W), the alien agrees to waive any right—

“(i) to administrative or judicial review or appeal of an immigration officer's determination as to the alien's admissibility; or

“(ii) to contest any removal action, other than on the basis of an application for asylum pursuant to the provisions contained in section 208 or 241(b)(3), or under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, if such removal action is initiated after the termination of the alien's period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(D) KNOWLEDGE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a signed certification in which the alien certifies that the alien has read and understood all of the questions and statements on the application form, and that the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct, and that the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(c) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining an alien's admissibility as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W)—

“(A) paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (7), and (9)(B) or (C) of section 212(a) may be waived for conduct that occurred on a date prior to the effective date of this Act; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security may not waive—

“(i) subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (H), or (I) of section 212(a)(2) (relating to criminals);

“(ii) section 212(a)(3) (relating to security and related grounds); or

“(iii) subparagraphs (A), (C) or (D) of section 212(a)(10) (relating to polygamists, child abductors and illegal voters);

“(C) for conduct that occurred prior to the date this Act was introduced in Congress, the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive the application of any provision of section 212(a) not listed in subparagraph (B) on behalf of an individual alien for humanitarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or when such waiver is otherwise in the public interest; and

“(D) nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to waive the provisions of section 212(a).

“(2) WAIVER FEE.—An alien who is granted a waiver under subparagraph (1) shall pay a \$500 fee upon approval of the alien's visa application.

“(3) RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIONS.—An alien seeking renewal of authorized admission or subsequent admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) shall establish that the alien is not inadmissible under section 212(a).

“(d) BACKGROUND CHECKS AND INTERVIEW.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not admit, and the Secretary of State shall not issue a visa to, an alien seeking admission under section 101(a)(15)(W) until all appropriate background checks have been completed. The Secretary of State shall ensure that an employee of the Department of State conducts a personal interview of an applicant for a visa under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(e) INELIGIBLE TO CHANGE NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.—An alien admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W) is ineligible to change status under section 248.

“(f) DURATION.—

“(1) GENERAL.—The period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under 101(a)(15)(W) shall be 2 years, and may not be extended. An alien is ineligible to reenter as an alien under 101(a)(15)(W) until the alien has resided continuously in the alien's home country for a period of 1 year. The total period of admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) may not exceed 6 years.

“(2) SEASONAL WORKERS.—An alien who spends less than 6 months a year as a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W) is not subject to the time limitations under subparagraph (1).

“(3) COMMUTERS.—An alien who resides outside the United States, but who commutes to the United States to work as a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W), is not subject to the time limitations under paragraph (1).

“(4) DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE.—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status, who remains in the United States under such status for—

“(A) a period of 2 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 5 years;

“(B) a period of 3 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 4 years;

“(C) a period of 4 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 3 years; or

“(D) a period of 5 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 2 years.

“(g) INTENT TO RETURN HOME.—In addition to other requirements in this section, an alien is not eligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) unless the alien—

“(1) maintains a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(2) is present in such foreign country for at least 7 consecutive days during each year that the alien is a temporary worker.

“(h) BIOMETRIC DOCUMENTATION.—Evidence of status under section 101(a)(15)(W) shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and allow for biometric authentication. The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to incorporate integrated-circuit technology into the document. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the Forensic Document Laboratory in designing the document. The document may serve as a travel, entry, and work authorization document during the period of its validity.

“(i) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—An alien who fails to depart the United States prior to 10 days after the date that the alien's authorized period of admission as a temporary worker ends is not eligible and may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law, with the exception of section 208 or 241(b)(3) or the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in the case of an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(j) PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OR OVERSTAY.—An alien who, after the effective date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005, enters the United States without inspection, or violates a term or condition of admission into the United States as a nonimmigrant, including overstaying the period of authorized admission, shall be ineligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) or Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 218B for a period of 10 years.

“(k) ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY WORKER TASK FORCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a task force to be known as the Temporary Worker Task Force (referred to in this section as the ‘Task Force’).

“(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

“(A) to study the impact of the admission of aliens under section 101(a)(15)(W) on the wages, working conditions, and employment of United States workers; and

“(B) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor regarding the need for an annual numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted in any fiscal year under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

“(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

“(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

“(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

“(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

“(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

“(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(4) QUALIFICATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

“(i) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

“(ii) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.



“(B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.

“(C) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

“(5) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005.

“(6) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

“(7) MEETINGS.—

“(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

“(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

“(8) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

“(9) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005, the Task Force shall submit to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland Security a report that contains—

“(A) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force;

“(B) recommendations for imposing a numerical limit.

“(10) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 6 months after the submission of the report, the Secretary of Labor may impose a numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W). Any numerical limit shall not become effective until 6 months after the Secretary of Labor submits a report to Congress regarding the imposition of a numerical limit.

“(I) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

“(1) FAMILY MEMBERS OF W NON-IMMIGRANTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) may be admitted to the United States—

“(i) as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(B) for a period of not more than 30 days, which may not be extended unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in his sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that exceptional circumstances exist; or

“(ii) under any other provision of this Act, if such family member is otherwise eligible for such admission.

“(B) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) who is seeking to be admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(B) shall submit, in addition to any other fee authorized by law, an additional fee of \$100.

“(ii) USE OF FEE.—The fees collected under clause (i) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove illegal aliens.

“(m) TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, a nonimmigrant alien under section 101(a)(15)(W)—

“(A) may travel outside of the United States; and

“(B) may be readmitted without having to obtain a new visa if the period of authorized admission has not expired.

“(2) EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—Time spent outside the United States under paragraph (1) shall not extend the period of authorized admission in the United States.

“(n) EMPLOYMENT.—

“(1) PORTABILITY.—An alien may be employed by any United States employer authorized by the Secretary of Homeland Security to hire aliens admitted under section 218C.

“(2) CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT.—An alien must be employed while in the United States. An alien who fails to be employed for 30 days is ineligible for hire until the alien departs the United States and reenters as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W). The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in its sole and unreviewable discretion, reauthorize an alien for employment, without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(o) ENUMERATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement a system to allow for the enumeration of a Social Security number and production of a Social Security card at time of admission of an alien under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(p) DENIAL OF DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—The determination of whether an alien is eligible for a grant of nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) is solely within the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction to review—

“(1) any judgment regarding the granting of relief under this section; or

“(2) any other decision or action of the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority for which is specified under this section to be in the discretion of the Secretary, other than the granting of relief under section 1158(a).

“(q) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

“(1) LIMITATIONS ON RELIEF.—Without regard to the nature of the action or claim and without regard to the identity of the party or parties bringing the action, no court may—

“(A) enter declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief in any action pertaining to—

“(i) an order or notice denying an alien a grant of nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) or any other benefit arising from such status; or

“(ii) an order of removal, exclusion, or deportation entered against an alien if such order is entered after the termination of the alien's period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W); or

“(B) certify a class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in any action for which judicial review is authorized under a subsequent paragraph of this subsection.

“(2) CHALLENGES TO VALIDITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any right or benefit not otherwise waived or limited pursuant this section is available in an action instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, but shall be limited to determinations of—

“(i) whether such section, or any regulation issued to implement such section, violates the Constitution of the United States; or

“(ii) whether such a regulation, or a written policy directive, written policy guideline, or written procedure issued by or under the authority the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement such section, is not consistent with applicable provisions of this section or is otherwise in violation of law.”.

(b) PROHIBITION ON CHANGE IN NON-IMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.—Section 248(1) of

the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1258(1)) is amended by striking “or (S)” and inserting “(S), or (W)”.

#### SEC. 503. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this title, or any amendment made by this title, shall be construed to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

#### SEC. 504. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for facilities, personnel (including consular officers), training, technology and processing necessary to carry out the amendments made by this title.

### TITLE IX—CIRCULAR MIGRATION

#### SEC. 901. INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer at least quarterly from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund 100 percent of the temporary worker taxes to the Temporary Worker Investment Fund for deposit in a temporary worker investment account for each temporary worker as specified in section 253.

“(2) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘temporary worker taxes’ means that portion of the amounts appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund under this section and properly attributable to the wages (as defined in section 3121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and self-employment income (as defined in section 1402 of such Code) of temporary workers as determined by the Commissioner of Social Security; and

“(B) the term ‘temporary worker’ means an alien who is admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.”.

(b) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.—Title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by inserting before section 201 the “PART A—SOCIAL SECURITY”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

#### “PART II—TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

##### “DEFINITIONS

“SEC. 251. For purposes of this part:

“(1) COVERED EMPLOYER.—The term ‘covered employer’ means, for any calendar year, any person on whom an excise tax is imposed under section 3111 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to having an individual in the person's employ to whom wages are paid by such person during such calendar year.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(3) TEMPORARY WORKER.—The term ‘temporary worker’ an alien who is admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

“(4) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—The term ‘temporary worker investment account’ means an account for a temporary worker which is administered by the Secretary through the Temporary Worker Investment Fund.

“(5) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT FUND.—The term ‘Temporary Worker Investment Fund’ means the fund established under section 253.



**“TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

“SEC. 252. (a) IN GENERAL.—A temporary worker investment account shall be established by the Secretary in the Temporary Worker Investment Fund for each individual not later than 10 business days after the covered employer of such individual submits a W-4 form (or any successor form) identifying such individual as a temporary worker.

“(b) TIME ACCOUNT TAKES EFFECT.—A temporary worker investment account established under subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to the first pay period beginning more than 14 days after the date of such establishment.

“(c) TEMPORARY WORKER'S PROPERTY RIGHT IN TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—The temporary worker investment account established for a temporary worker is the sole property of the worker.

**“TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT FUND**

“SEC. 253. (a) IN GENERAL.—There is created on the books of the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the ‘Temporary Worker Investment Fund’ to be administered by the Secretary. Such Fund shall consist of the assets transferred under section 201(o) to each temporary worker investment account established under section 252 and the income earned under subsection (e) and credited to such account.

“(b) NOTICE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The full amount of a temporary worker's investment account transfers shall be shown on such worker's W-2 tax statement, as provided in section 6051(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**“(c) INVESTMENT EARNINGS REPORT.—**

“(1) IN GENERAL.—At least annually, the Temporary Worker Investment Fund shall provide to each temporary worker with a temporary worker investment account managed by the Fund a temporary worker investment status report. Such report may be transmitted electronically upon the agreement of the temporary worker under the terms and conditions established by the Secretary.

“(2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The temporary worker investment status report, with respect to a temporary worker investment account, shall provide the following information:

“(A) The total amounts transferred under section 201(o) in the last quarter, the last year, and since the account was established.

“(B) The amount and rate of income earned under subsection (e) for each period described in subparagraph (A).

“(d) MAXIMUM ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—The Temporary Worker Investment Fund shall charge each temporary worker in the Fund a single, uniform annual administrative fee not to exceed 0.3 percent of the value of the assets invested in the worker's account.

“(e) INVESTMENT DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish policies for the investment and management of temporary worker investment accounts, including policies that shall provide for prudent Federal Government investment instruments suitable for accumulating funds.

**“TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS**

“SEC. 254. (a) DATE OF DISTRIBUTION.—Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a distribution of the balance in a temporary worker investment account may only be made on or after the date such worker departs the United States and abandons such worker's nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and returns to the worker's home country.

“(b) DISTRIBUTION IN THE EVENT OF DEATH.—If the temporary worker dies before

the date determined under subsection (a), the balance in the worker's account shall be distributed to the worker's estate under rules established by the Secretary.”

**(c) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TRANSFERS SHOWN ON W-2S.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6051(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to receipts for employees) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (12);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (13) and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (13) the following:

“(14) in the case of a temporary worker (as defined in section 251(1) of the Social Security Act), of the amount shown pursuant to paragraph (6), the total amount transferred to such worker's temporary worker investment account under section 201(o) of such Act.”

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 6051 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(6), by inserting “and paid as tax under section 3111” after “section 3101”; and

(B) in subsection (c), by inserting “and paid as tax under section 3111” after “section 3101”.

**TITLE X—BACKLOG REDUCTION****SEC. 1001. EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.**

(a) EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANT LIMIT.—Section 201(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—The worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(1) 140,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those years; and

“(B) the number of visas described in subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005; and

“(4) the number of visas previously made available under section 203(e).”

(b) DIVERSITY VISA TERMINATION.—The allocation of immigrant visas to aliens under section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)), and the admission of such aliens to the United States as immigrants, is terminated. This provision shall become effective on October 1st of the fiscal year following enactment of this Act.

**(c) IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a task force to be known as the Immigration Task Force (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

(A) to study the impact of the delay between the date on which an application for immigration is submitted and the date on which a determination on such application is made;

(B) to study the impact of immigration of workers to the United States on family unity; and

(C) to provide to Congress any recommendations of the Task Force regarding increasing the number immigrant visas issued by the United States for family members and on the basis of employment.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

**(4) QUALIFICATIONS.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

(i) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

(ii) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.

(B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.

(C) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

(5) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(6) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

**(7) MEETINGS.—**

(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

(8) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

(9) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland Security a report that contains—

(A) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force; and

(B) recommendations for modifying the numerical limits on the number immigrant visas issued by the United States for family members of individuals in the United States and on the basis of employment.

**SEC. 1002. COUNTRY LIMITS.**

Section 202(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”; and

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

**SEC. 1003. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.**

(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “10 percent”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “10 percent”;



(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”; and

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “4 percent”; and

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) OTHER WORKERS.—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 36 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.—Section 101(a)(27)(M) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4),”.

(2) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS’ VISAS.—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

**SA 3387.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192, submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the following:

(a) DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF ASYLUM.—Section 208 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)(v), by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) CHANGED COUNTRY CONDITIONS.—An alien seeking asylum based on persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution shall not be denied asylum based on changed country conditions unless fundamental and lasting changes have stabilized the country of the alien’s nationality.”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking “a fundamental change in circumstances” and inserting “fundamental and lasting changes that have stabilized the country of the alien’s nationality”.

**SA 3388.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 350, strike lines 21 through 25 and insert the following:

(7) WORK DAY.—The term “work day” means any day in which the individual is employed 5.75 or more hours in agricultural employment.

**SA 3389.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed

by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 351, strike lines 10 through 13 and insert the following:

(A) has performed agricultural employment in the United States for at least 863 hours or 150 work days during the 24-month period ending on December 31, 2005;

**SA 3390.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 351, line 17, strike “and”.

On page 351, line 21, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

On page 351, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(D) has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

On page 363, strike lines 18 through 20 and insert the following:

(III) is convicted of an offense, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

On page 366, strike lines 22 through 24 and insert the following:

(iii) is convicted of an offense, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

**SA 3391.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 353, line 2, strike “or”.

On page 353, strike line 14 and insert the following:

or harm to property in excess of \$500; or

(iii) the alien fails to perform the agricultural employment required under subsection (c)(1)(A)(i) unless the alien was unable to work in agricultural employment due to the extraordinary circumstances described in subsection (c)(1)(A)(iii).

**SA 3392.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 360, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 361, line 9, and insert the following:

(i) QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), the alien has performed at least—

(aa) 5 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 100 work days per year, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(bb) 3 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 150 work days per year, during the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(II) 4-YEAR PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.—An alien shall be considered to qualify under subclause (I) if the alien has performed 4

years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 150 work days during 3 of the 4 years and at least 100 work days during the remaining year, during the 4-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 3393.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 381, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary for the startup costs of the program authorized under this section for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

**SA 3394.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 350, strike lines 21 through 25 and insert the following:

(7) WORK DAY.—The term “work day” means any day in which the individual is employed 5.75 or more hours in agricultural employment.

On page 351, strike lines 10 through 13 and insert the following:

(A) has performed agricultural employment in the United States for at least 863 hours or 150 work days during the 24-month period ending on December 31, 2005;

On page 351, line 17, strike “and”.

On page 351, line 21, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

On page 351, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(D) has been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

On page 353, line 2, strike “or”.

On page 353, strike line 14 and insert the following:

or harm to property in excess of \$500; or

(iii) the alien fails to perform the agricultural employment required under subsection (c)(1)(A)(i) unless the alien was unable to work in agricultural employment due to the extraordinary circumstances described in subsection (c)(1)(A)(iii).

Beginning on page 360, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 361, line 9, and insert the following:

(i) QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), the alien has performed at least—

(aa) 5 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 100 work days per year, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(bb) 3 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 150 work days per year, during the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(II) 4-YEAR PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.—An alien shall be considered to qualify under subclause (I) if the alien has performed 4 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 150 work days during 3 of the 4 years and at least 100 work days during the remaining year, during the 4-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

On page 363, strike lines 18 through 20 and insert the following:



(III) is convicted of an offense, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

On page 366, strike lines 22 through 24 and insert the following:

(iii) is convicted of an offense, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of serious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

On page 381, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

(k) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary for the startup costs of the program authorized under this section for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

**SA 3395.** Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RADIATION SOURCE PROTECTION.**

(a) **TRACKING SYSTEM.**—Section 170H of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2210h) is amended—

(1) in subsection c.—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) by inserting “and the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Secretary of Transportation” the first place it appears; and

(ii) by inserting “or the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Secretary of Transportation” the second place it appears; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “and each license holder” after “unique identifier”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“h. **LICENSE VERIFICATION FOR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.**—The Commission shall—

“(1) assist the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security in verifying the authenticity of any documentation or authorization issued by the Commission associated with the export or import of a radiation source regulated under this section, including allowing the Department of Homeland Security access to the tracking system established under subsection c.;

“(2) require any individual transporting radiation sources that are exported from or imported into the United States to possess the applicable and required documentation issued by the Commission; and

“(3) issue regulations to ensure that the licenses, permits, certificates, and other documents of the Commission needed to export or import a radiation source includes tamperproof and other security features that prevent counterfeiting.”.

(b) **CUSTOMS REVENUE FUNCTION.**—Section 415 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 215) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) Verifying the authorizations issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to possess and transport radiation sources when individuals pass through United States ports of entry.”.

**SA 3396.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform

and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 509. REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION.**

(a) **ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 312(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) an understanding of the English language on an 6th grade level, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State; and”.

(b) **REQUIREMENT FOR HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT TESTING.**—Section 312(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)(2)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting “, as demonstrated by receiving a passing score on a standardized test administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security of not less than 50 randomly selected questions from a database of not less than 1000 questions developed by the Secretary.”.

**SA 3397.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike subsection 644(b)(3) and insert:

(3) **ENGLISH AND HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 312(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) No person except as otherwise provided in this title shall hereafter be naturalized as a citizen of the United States upon his own application who cannot demonstrate—

“(1) an understanding of the English language on an eighth grade level, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State; and

“(2) a knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of the history, and of the principles and form of government of the United States, as demonstrated by receiving a passing score on a standardized test administered by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security of not less than 50 randomly selected questions from a database of not less than 1000 questions developed by the Secretary.”.

**SA 3398.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 161, line 16 and 17 strike “of the criminal provisions”.

**SA 3399.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 20, line 18, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “standards”.

On page 20, line 21, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “standards”.

On page 21, lines 20 and 21, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “documents”.

On page 23, line 12, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “biometrics”.

On page 31, line 25, insert “10” after “all”.

On page 37, line 2, insert “(including, at a minimum, all 10 fingerprints from the individual)” after “biometric identifier”.

On page 38, lines 7 and 8, strike “is authorized to” and insert “shall”.

On page 38, line 9, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “data”.

On page 38, line 16, strike “are authorized to” and insert “shall”.

On page 38, line 17, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “data”.

On page 39, line 4, strike “is authorized to” and insert “shall”.

On page 39, line 5, insert “(including, at a minimum, 10 fingerprints from each individual)” after “data”.

On page 237, line 24, strike “allow for biometric authentication” and insert “provide for biometric authentication through the matching of the fingerprints of an individual, all 10 of which shall be incorporated into the machine-readable documentary evidence”.

On page 312, strike lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Upon entry to the

On page 312, line 23, strike “such” and insert “all 10”.

On page 313, line 8, insert “, provided that all 10 of the fingerprints of the alien are submitted” before the period at the end.

On page 331, line 13, insert “all 10” after “submits”.

On page 354, line 11, insert “all 10” after “including”.

**SA 3400.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, after line 16, add new Sections 3 (3); 3(4); and 3(5) that reads:

(3) **BIOMETRIC.**—The term “Biometric” includes the collection of, at a minimum, all 10 fingerprints from an individual, unless the individual is missing one or more of their digits, in which case the term “biometric” shall include the collection of, at a minimum, all fingerprints available.

(4) **BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIER.**—The term “biometric identifier” includes identifying an individual through the use of, at a minimum, fingerprint biometrics. The term does not include identification through a facial recognition biometric alone.

(5) **BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION.**—The term “biometric authentication” includes, at a minimum, authentication through the use of a fingerprint biometric.

**SA 3401.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

No alien granted conditional non-immigrant status or status as an H2C non-immigrant status under this Act or an



amendment made by this Act shall be granted any public benefit as a result of the changed status of the alien, including any cash or non-cash assistance, postsecondary educational assistance, housing assistance, daycare assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, or other individual public assistance, whether or not receipt of the public assistance would be sufficient for the person to be considered a public charge under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(4)).

**SA 3402.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 355, strike lines 7 through 14, and insert the following:

“(2) DELAYED ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS.—An alien in status under this Title shall not be eligible, by reason of such status, for any form of assistance or benefit described in section 403(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(a)).”

**SA 3403.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 233, strike lines 16 and 17 and insert the following:

(A) paragraphs (5) and (7) of section 212(a) may be waived for \_\_\_\_\_

**SA 3404.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 337, strike line 20 and all that follows through 338, line 8, and insert the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no Federal agency or bureau, nor any officer, employee, or agent of such agency or bureau, may use the information filed by the applicant under this section for any purpose other than the enforcement and administration of the immigration laws.

**SA 3405.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 338, strike lines 19 through 22, and insert the following:

(3) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person who knowingly uses, discloses, or allows to be disclosed information in violation of this subsection shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

**SA 3406.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to

provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 337, strike line 19 and all that follows through 338, line 22, and insert the following:

(1) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no Federal agency or bureau, nor any officer, employee, or agent of such agency or bureau, may use the information filed by the applicant under this section for any purpose other than the enforcement and administration of the immigration laws.

(2) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide the information furnished pursuant to an application filed under this section, and any other information derived from such furnished information, to a duly recognized law enforcement entity in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution or a national security investigation or prosecution, in each instance about an individual suspect or group of suspects, when such information is requested in writing by such entity.

(3) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person who knowingly uses, discloses, or allows to be disclosed information in violation of this subsection shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

**SA 3407.** Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V of the amendment, insert the following:

**SEC. 2. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN UNDER THE HAITIAN AND IMMIGRANT FAIRNESS ACT OF 1998.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 902(d) of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 (8 U.S.C. 1255 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN.—

“(A) USE OF APPLICATION FILING DATE.—Determinations made under this subsection as to whether an individual is a child of a parent shall be made using the age and status of the individual on October 21, 1998.

“(B) APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY PARENT.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(C), an application under this subsection filed based on status as a child may be filed or the benefit of such child by a parent or guardian of the child, if the child is physically present in the United States on such filing date.”.

(b) NEW APPLICATIONS AND MOTIONS TO REOPEN.—

(1) NEW APPLICATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 902(a)(1)(A) of the Haitian and Immigrant Fairness Act of 1998, an alien who is eligible for adjustment of status under such Act, as amended by subsection (a), may submit an application for adjustment of status under such Act not later than the later of—

(A) 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) 1 year after the date on which final regulations implementing this section are promulgated.

(2) MOTIONS TO REOPEN.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish procedures for the reopening and reconsideration of applications for adjustment of status under the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 that are affected by the amendments under subsection (a).

(3) RELATIONSHIP OF APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ORDERS.—Section 902(a)(3) of the Haitian and Immigrant Fairness Act of 1998 shall apply to an alien present in the United States who has been ordered excluded, deported, removed, or ordered to depart voluntarily, and who files an application under paragraph (1), or a motion under paragraph (2), in the same manner as such section 902(a)(3) applied to aliens filing applications for adjustment of status under such Act before April 1, 2000.

**SEC. 3. INADMISSIBILITY DETERMINATION.**

Section 902 of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 (8 U.S.C. 1255 note) is amended in subsections (a)(1)(B) and (d)(1)(D) by inserting “(6)(C)(i),” after “(6)(A).”

**SA 3408.** Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

**SEC. 103. SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAMS.**

(a) AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In conjunction with the border surveillance plan developed under section 5201 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1701 note), the Secretary, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, shall develop and implement a program to fully integrate and utilize aerial surveillance technologies, including unmanned aerial vehicles, to enhance the security of the international border between the United States and Canada and the international border between the United States and Mexico. The goal of the program shall be to ensure continuous monitoring of each mile of each such border.

(2) ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.—In developing the program under this subsection, the Secretary shall—

(A) consider current and proposed aerial surveillance technologies;

(B) assess the feasibility and advisability of utilizing such technologies to address border threats, including an assessment of the technologies considered best suited to address respective threats;

(C) consult with the Secretary of Defense regarding any technologies or equipment, which the Secretary may deploy along an international border of the United States; and

(D) consult with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration regarding safety, airspace coordination and regulation, and any other issues necessary for implementation of the program.

(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The program developed under this subsection shall include the use of a variety of aerial surveillance technologies in a variety of topographies and areas, including populated and unpopulated areas located on or near an international border of the United States, in order to evaluate, for a range of circumstances—

(i) the significance of previous experiences with such technologies in border security or critical infrastructure protection;

(ii) the cost and effectiveness of various technologies for border security, including varying levels of technical complexity; and

(iii) liability, safety, and privacy concerns relating to the utilization of such technologies for border security.



(4) **CONTINUED USE OF AERIAL SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES.**—The Secretary may continue the operation of aerial surveillance technologies while assessing the effectiveness of the utilization of such technologies.

(5) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days after implementing the program under this subsection, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress regarding the program developed under this subsection. The Secretary shall include in the report a description of the program together with such recommendations as the Secretary finds appropriate for enhancing the program.

(6) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(b) **INTEGRATED AND AUTOMATED SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAM.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall establish a program to procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, satellites, radar coverage, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration. Such program shall be known as the Integrated and Automated Surveillance Program.

(2) **PROGRAM COMPONENTS.**—The Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent feasible, the Integrated and Automated Surveillance Program is carried out in a manner that—

(A) the technologies utilized in the Program are integrated and function cohesively in an automated fashion, including the integration of motion sensor alerts and cameras, whereby a sensor alert automatically activates a corresponding camera to pan and tilt in the direction of the triggered sensor;

(B) cameras utilized in the Program do not have to be manually operated;

(C) such camera views and positions are not fixed;

(D) surveillance video taken by such cameras can be viewed at multiple designated communications centers;

(E) a standard process is used to collect, catalog, and report intrusion and response data collected under the Program;

(F) future remote surveillance technology investments and upgrades for the Program can be integrated with existing systems;

(G) performance measures are developed and applied that can evaluate whether the Program is providing desired results and increasing response effectiveness in monitoring and detecting illegal intrusions along the international borders of the United States;

(H) plans are developed under the Program to streamline site selection, site validation, and environmental assessment processes to minimize delays of installing surveillance technology infrastructure;

(I) standards are developed under the Program to expand the shared use of existing private and governmental structures to install remote surveillance technology infrastructure where possible; and

(J) standards are developed under the Program to identify and deploy the use of non-permanent or mobile surveillance platforms that will increase the Secretary's mobility and ability to identify illegal border intrusions.

(3) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the initial implementation of the Integrated and Automated Surveillance Program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report regarding the Program. The Secretary shall include in the report a de-

scription of the Program together with any recommendation that the Secretary finds appropriate for enhancing the program.

(4) **EVALUATION OF CONTRACTORS.**—

(A) **REQUIREMENT FOR STANDARDS.**—The Secretary shall develop appropriate standards to evaluate the performance of any contractor providing goods or services to carry out the Integrated and Automated Surveillance Program.

(B) **REVIEW BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department shall timely review each new contract related to the Program that has a value of more than \$5,000,000, to determine whether such contract fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones, and schedules. The Inspector General shall report the findings of such review to the Secretary in a timely manner. Not later than 30 days after the date the Secretary receives a report of findings from the Inspector General, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report of such findings and a description of any the steps that the Secretary has taken or plans to take in response to such findings.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

**SA 3409.** Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike lines 2 through 9.

**SA 3410.** Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 170, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 171, line 17, and insert the following:

**SEC. 233. DETENTION OF ILLEGAL ALIENS.**

(a) **INCREASING DETENTION BED SPACE.**—Section 5204(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Protection Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “8,000” and inserting “20,000”.

(b) **CONSTRUCTION OF OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT TO CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE.**—The Secretary shall construct or acquire additional detention facilities in the United States to accommodate the detention beds required by section 5204(c) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Protection Act of 2004, as amended by subsection (a).

(2) **USE OF ALTERNATE DETENTION FACILITIES.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall fully utilize all possible options to cost effectively increase available detention capacities, and shall utilize detention facilities that are owned and operated by the Federal Government if the use of such facilities is cost effective.

(3) **USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.**—In acquiring additional detention facilities under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with subsection (a).

(4) **DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.**—The location of any detention facility constructed or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined, with the concurrence of the Secretary, by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department. The detention facilities shall be located so as to enable the officers and employees of the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(c) **ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.**—The Secretary shall implement demonstration programs in each State located along the international border between the United States and Canada or along the international border between the United States and Mexico, and at select sites in the interior with significant numbers of alien detainees, to study the effectiveness of alternatives to the detention of aliens, including electronic monitoring devices, to ensure that such aliens appear in immigration court proceedings and comply with immigration appointments and removal orders.

(d) **LEGAL REPRESENTATION.**—No alien shall be detained by the Secretary in a location that limits the alien's reasonable access to visits and telephone calls by local legal counsel and necessary legal materials. Upon active or constructive notice that a detained alien is represented by an attorney, the Secretary shall ensure that the alien is not moved from the alien's detention facility without providing that alien and the alien's attorney reasonable notice in advance of such move.

(e) **FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT OR ACQUIRE DETENTION FACILITIES.**—Section 241(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(f) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, the Secretary shall submit to Congress an assessment of the additional detention facilities and bed space needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at the United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

**SA 3411.** Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title IV of the amendment, strike subtitle A.

**SA 3412.** Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.**

Section 2 of Public Law 108-215 (22 U.S.C. 290m-6) is amended—



(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “The number” the following: “of applications received by, pending with, and awaiting final approval from the Board of the North American Development Bank and the number”;

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) Recommendations on how to improve the operations of the North American Development Bank.

“(9) An update on the implementation of this Act, including the business process review undertaken by the North American Development Bank.

“(10) A description of the activities and accomplishments of the North American Development Bank during the previous year, including a brief summary of meetings and actions taken by the Board of the North American Development Bank.”.

**SA 3413.** Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 6, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 221, line 18 and insert the following:

## **TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

### **Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders**

#### **SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

##### **(a) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—**

(1) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 500 the number of positions for full-time active duty port of entry inspectors and provide appropriate training, equipment, and support to such additional inspectors.

##### **(2) INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.—**

(A) IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS.—Section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “800” and inserting “1000”.

(B) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, as amended by subparagraph (A), during each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 200 the number of positions for personnel within the Department assigned to investigate alien smuggling.

##### **(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**

(1) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1) of subsection (a).

(2) BORDER PATROL AGENTS.—Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (118 Stat. 3734) is amended to read as follows:

#### **“SEC. 5202. INCREASE IN FULL-TIME BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

“(a) ANNUAL INCREASES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for full-time active-duty border patrol agents within the Department of Homeland Security (above the number of such positions for which funds were appropriated for the preceding fiscal year), by—

“(1) 2,000 in fiscal year 2006;

“(2) 2,400 in fiscal year 2007;

“(3) 2,400 in fiscal year 2008;

“(4) 2,400 in fiscal year 2009;

“(5) 2,400 in fiscal year 2010; and

“(6) 2,400 in fiscal year 2011;

“(b) NORTHERN BORDER.—In each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2011, in addition to the border patrol agents assigned along the northern border of the United States during the previous fiscal year, the Secretary shall assign a number of border patrol agents equal to not less than 20 percent of the net increase in border patrol agents during each such fiscal year.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.”.

#### **SEC. 102. TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.**

(a) ACQUISITION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land borders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance of the international land borders of the United States and assessment of the risks to citizens of the United States and foreign policy interests associated with the use of such equipment;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (b) to increase the use of Department of Defense equipment to assist such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by the Secretary of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the report.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed as altering or amending the prohibition on the use of any part of the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus under section 1385 of title 18, United States Code.

#### **SEC. 103. INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct all-weather roads and acquire additional vehicle barriers and facilities necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 104. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.**

The Secretary may maintain temporary or permanent checkpoints on roadways in border patrol sectors that are located in proximity to the international border between the United States and Mexico.

#### **SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land borders of the United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.**

(a) TUCSON SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) YUMA SECTOR.—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

### **Subtitle B—Border Security Plans, Strategies, and Reports**

#### **SEC. 111. SURVEILLANCE PLAN.**

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.—The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) CONTENT.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of existing technologies employed on the international land and maritime borders of the United States.



(2) A description of the compatibility of new surveillance technologies with surveillance technologies in use by the Secretary on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) A description of how the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department is working, or is expected to work, with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department to identify and test surveillance technology.

(4) A description of the specific surveillance technology to be deployed.

(5) Identification of any obstacles that may impede such deployment.

(6) A detailed estimate of all costs associated with such deployment and with continued maintenance of such technologies.

(7) A description of how the Secretary is working with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on safety and airspace control issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan required by this section.

#### **SEC. 112. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BORDER SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a National Strategy for Border Security that describes actions to be carried out to achieve operational control over all ports of entry into the United States and the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall include the following:

(1) The implementation schedule for the comprehensive plan for systematic surveillance described in section 111.

(2) An assessment of the threat posed by terrorists and terrorist groups that may try to infiltrate the United States at locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(3) A risk assessment for all United States ports of entry and all portions of the international land and maritime borders of the United States that includes a description of activities being undertaken—

(A) to prevent the entry of terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband into the United States; and

(B) to protect critical infrastructure at or near such ports of entry or borders.

(4) An assessment of the legal requirements that prevent achieving and maintaining operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(5) An assessment of the most appropriate, practical, and cost-effective means of defending the international land and maritime borders of the United States against threats to security and illegal transit, including intelligence capacities, technology, equipment, personnel, and training needed to address security vulnerabilities.

(6) An assessment of staffing needs for all border security functions, taking into account threat and vulnerability information pertaining to the borders and the impact of new security programs, policies, and technologies.

(7) A description of the border security roles and missions of Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal authorities, and recommendations regarding actions the Secretary can carry out to improve coordination with such authorities to enable border security and enforcement activities to be carried out in a more efficient and effective manner.

(8) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, personal property rights, privacy rights, and civil liberties, including an assessment of efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims, unaccompanied minor aliens, and other vulnerable populations.

(9) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(10) A description of ways to ensure that the free flow of travel and commerce is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(11) An assessment of additional detention facilities and beds that are needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

(12) A description of the performance metrics to be used to ensure accountability by the bureaus of the Department in implementing such Strategy.

(13) A schedule for the implementation of the security measures described in such Strategy, including a prioritization of security measures, realistic deadlines for addressing the security and enforcement needs, an estimate of the resources needed to carry out such measures, and a description of how such resources should be allocated.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the National Strategy for Border Security, the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

(1) State, local, and tribal authorities with responsibility for locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and

(2) appropriate private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and affected communities that have expertise in areas related to border security.

(d) **COORDINATION.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall be consistent with the National Strategy for Maritime Security developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 13, dated December 21, 2004.

(e) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **STRATEGY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the National Strategy for Border Security.

(2) **UPDATES.**—The Secretary shall submit to Congress any update of such Strategy that the Secretary determines is necessary, not later than 30 days after such update is developed.

(f) **IMMEDIATE ACTION.**—Nothing in this section or section 111 may be construed to relieve the Secretary of the responsibility to take all actions necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

#### **SEC. 113. REPORTS ON IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a report on improving the exchange of information related to the security of North America.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of the following:

(1) **SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.**—The progress made toward the de-

velopment of common enrollment, security, technical, and biometric standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of secure documents, including—

(A) technical and biometric standards based on best practices and consistent with international standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of travel documents, including—

- (i) passports;
- (ii) visas; and
- (iii) permanent resident cards;

(B) working with Canada and Mexico to encourage foreign governments to enact laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking, and laws to forbid the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents and to promote information sharing;

(C) applying the necessary pressures and support to ensure that other countries meet proper travel document standards and are committed to travel document verification before the citizens of such countries travel internationally, including travel by such citizens to the United States; and

(D) providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with visa and travel documents.

(2) **IMMIGRATION AND VISA MANAGEMENT.**—The progress of efforts to share information regarding high-risk individuals who may attempt to enter Canada, Mexico, or the United States, including the progress made—

(A) in implementing the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing, signed by Canada and the United States in February 2003; and

(B) in identifying trends related to immigration fraud, including asylum and document fraud, and to analyze such trends.

(3) **VISA POLICY COORDINATION AND IMMIGRATION SECURITY.**—The progress made by Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance the security of North America by cooperating on visa policy and identifying best practices regarding immigration security, including the progress made—

(A) in enhancing consultation among officials who issue visas at the consulates or embassies of Canada, Mexico, or the United States throughout the world to share information, trends, and best practices on visa flows;

(B) in comparing the procedures and policies of Canada and the United States related to visitor visa processing, including—

- (i) application process;
- (ii) interview policy;
- (iii) general screening procedures;
- (iv) visa validity;
- (v) quality control measures; and
- (vi) access to appeal or review;

(C) in exploring methods for Canada, Mexico, and the United States to waive visa requirements for nationals and citizens of the same foreign countries;

(D) in providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with immigration violators;

(E) in developing and implementing an immigration security strategy for North America that works toward the development of a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance automated reporting and risk targeting of international passengers;

(F) in sharing information on lost and stolen passports on a real-time basis among immigration or law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(G) in collecting 10 fingerprints from each individual who applies for a visa.



(4) **NORTH AMERICAN VISITOR OVERSTAY PROGRAM.**—The progress made by Canada and the United States in implementing parallel entry-exit tracking systems that, while respecting the privacy laws of both countries, share information regarding third country nationals who have overstayed their period of authorized admission in either Canada or the United States.

(5) **TERRORIST WATCH LISTS.**—The progress made in enhancing the capacity of the United States to combat terrorism through the coordination of counterterrorism efforts, including the progress made—

(A) in developing and implementing bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States and between Mexico and the United States to govern the sharing of terrorist watch list data and to comprehensively enumerate the uses of such data by the governments of each country;

(B) in establishing appropriate linkages among Canada, Mexico, and the United States Terrorist Screening Center; and

(C) in exploring with foreign governments the establishment of a multilateral watch list mechanism that would facilitate direct coordination between the country that identifies an individual as an individual included on a watch list, and the country that owns such list, including procedures that satisfy the security concerns and are consistent with the privacy and other laws of each participating country.

(6) **MONEY LAUNDERING, CURRENCY SMUGGLING, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.**—The progress made in improving information sharing and law enforcement cooperation in combating organized crime, including the progress made—

(A) in combating currency smuggling, money laundering, alien smuggling, and trafficking in alcohol, firearms, and explosives;

(B) in implementing the agreement between Canada and the United States known as the Firearms Trafficking Action Plan;

(C) in determining the feasibility of formulating a firearms trafficking action plan between Mexico and the United States;

(D) in developing a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Canada and the United States;

(E) in determining the feasibility of formulating a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Mexico and the United States;

(F) in developing mechanisms to exchange information on findings, seizures, and capture of individuals transporting undeclared currency; and

(G) in developing and implementing a plan to combat the transnational threat of illegal drug trafficking.

(7) **LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION.**—The progress made in enhancing law enforcement cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and the United States through enhanced technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with known and suspected criminals or terrorists, including exploring the formation of law enforcement teams that include personnel from the United States and Mexico, and appropriate procedures for such teams.

#### **SEC. 114. IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.**

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall work to cooperate with the head of Foreign Affairs Canada and the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico to establish a program—

(1) to assess the specific needs of Guatemala and Belize in maintaining the security of the international borders of such countries;

(2) to use the assessment made under paragraph (1) to determine the financial and

technical support needed by Guatemala and Belize from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to meet such needs;

(3) to provide technical assistance to Guatemala and Belize to promote issuance of secure passports and travel documents by such countries; and

(4) to encourage Guatemala and Belize—

(A) to control alien smuggling and trafficking;

(B) to prevent the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents; and

(C) to share relevant information with Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

(b) **BORDER SECURITY FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall work to cooperate—

(1) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Guatemala and the Government of Belize to provide law enforcement assistance to Guatemala and Belize that specifically addresses immigration issues to increase the ability of the Government of Guatemala to dismantle human smuggling organizations and gain additional control over the international border between Guatemala and Belize; and

(2) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Belize, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Mexico, and the governments of neighboring contiguous countries to establish a program to provide needed equipment, technical assistance, and vehicles to manage, regulate, and patrol the international borders between Mexico and Guatemala and between Mexico and Belize.

(c) **TRACKING CENTRAL AMERICAN GANGS.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work to cooperate with the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Belize, and the governments of other Central American countries—

(1) to assess the direct and indirect impact on the United States and Central America of deporting violent criminal aliens;

(2) to establish a program and database to track individuals involved in Central American gang activities;

(3) to develop a mechanism that is acceptable to the governments of Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and other appropriate countries to notify such a government if an individual suspected of gang activity will be deported to that country prior to the deportation and to provide support for the reintegration of such deportees into that country; and

(4) to develop an agreement to share all relevant information related to individuals connected with Central American gangs.

(d) **LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE.**—Any funds made available to carry out this section shall be subject to the limitations contained in section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2218).

#### **SEC. 115. COMBATING HUMAN SMUGGLING.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan to improve coordination between the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department and any other Federal, State, local, or tribal authorities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, to improve coordination efforts to combat human smuggling.

(b) **CONTENT.**—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the interoperability of databases utilized to prevent human smuggling;

(2) adequate and effective personnel training;

(3) methods and programs to effectively target networks that engage in such smuggling;

(4) effective utilization of—

(A) visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes; and

(B) investigatory techniques, equipment, and procedures that prevent, detect, and prosecute international money laundering and other operations that are utilized in smuggling;

(5) joint measures, with the Secretary of State, to enhance intelligence sharing and cooperation with foreign governments whose citizens are preyed on by human smugglers; and

(6) other measures that the Secretary considers appropriate to combating human smuggling.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after implementing the plan described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on such plan, including any recommendations for legislative action to improve efforts to combating human smuggling.

(d) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide additional authority to any State or local entity to enforce Federal immigration laws.

#### **Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives** **SEC. 121. BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**

Not later than October 1, 2007, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the Automated Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (IDENT) of the Department and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure more expeditious data searches; and

(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all fingerprints from each alien required to provide fingerprints during the alien's initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a).

#### **SEC. 122. SECURE COMMUNICATION.**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as practicable, develop and implement a plan to improve the use of satellite communications and other technologies to ensure clear and secure 2-way communication capabilities—

(1) among all Border Patrol agents conducting operations between ports of entry;

(2) between Border Patrol agents and their respective Border Patrol stations;

(3) between Border Patrol agents and residents in remote areas along the international land borders of the United States; and

(4) between all appropriate border security agencies of the Department and State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

#### **SEC. 123. BORDER PATROL TRAINING CAPACITY REVIEW.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the basic training provided to Border Patrol agents by the Secretary to ensure that such training is provided as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

(b) **COMPONENTS OF REVIEW.**—The review under subsection (a) shall include the following components:

(1) An evaluation of the length and content of the basic training curriculum provided to new Border Patrol agents by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, including a description of how such curriculum has changed since September 11, 2001, and an evaluation of language and cultural diversity



training programs provided within such curriculum.

(2) A review and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train 1 new Border Patrol agent.

(3) A comparison, based on the review and breakdown under paragraph (2), of the costs, effectiveness, scope, and quality, including geographic characteristics, with other similar training programs provided by State and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and the private sector.

(4) An evaluation of whether utilizing comparable non-Federal training programs, proficiency testing, and long-distance learning programs may affect—

(A) the cost-effectiveness of increasing the number of Border Patrol agents trained per year;

(B) the per agent costs of basic training; and

(C) the scope and quality of basic training needed to fulfill the mission and duties of a Border Patrol agent.

#### SEC. 124. US-VISIT SYSTEM.

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a schedule for—

(1) equipping all land border ports of entry of the United States with the U.S.-Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) system implemented under section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a);

(2) developing and deploying at such ports of entry the exit component of the US-VISIT system; and

(3) making interoperable all immigration screening systems operated by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 125. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.

(a) TRAINING.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the head of the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.—The Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(c) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT.—The Inspector General of the Department shall conduct an independent assessment of the accuracy and reliability of the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General shall submit to Congress the findings of the assessment required by paragraph (1).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 126. IMPROVED DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in the heading, by striking “ENTRY AND EXIT DOCUMENTS” and inserting “TRAVEL AND ENTRY DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE OF STATUS”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the” and inserting “The”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” both places it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of an alien’s status as an immigrant, nonimmigrant, parolee, asylee, or refugee, shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, and shall incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify electronically the identity and status of the alien.”.

#### SEC. 127. CANCELLATION OF VISAS.

Section 222(g) (8 U.S.C. 1202(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “and any other non-immigrant visa issued by the United States that is in the possession of the alien” after “such visa”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(other than the visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality” and inserting “(other than a visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality or foreign residence”.

#### SEC. 128. BIOMETRIC ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.

(a) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIENS DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES.—Section 215 (8 U.S.C. 1185) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (g);

(2) by moving subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (1), to the end; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to require aliens departing the United States to provide biometric data and other information relating to their immigration status.”.

(b) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA.—In conducting inspections under subsection (b), immigration officers are authorized to collect biometric data from—

“(A) any applicant for admission or alien seeking to transit through the United States; or

“(B) any lawful permanent resident who is entering the United States and who is not regarded as seeking admission pursuant to section 101(a)(13)(C).”.

(c) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIEN CREWMEN.—Section 252 (8 U.S.C. 1282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) An immigration officer is authorized to collect biometric data from an alien crewman seeking permission to land temporarily in the United States.”.

(d) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WITHHOLDERS OF BIOMETRIC DATA.—Any alien who knowingly fails to comply with a lawful request for biometric data under section 215(c) or 235(d) is inadmissible.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine whether a ground for inadmissibility exists with respect to an alien described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(7) and may waive the application of such subparagraph for an individual alien or a class of aliens, at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 7208 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In fully implementing the automated biometric entry and exit data system under this section, the Secretary is not required to comply with the requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) or any other law relating to rulemaking, information collection, or publication in the Federal Register.”; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION AT ALL LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to implement the automated biometric entry and exit data system at all land border ports of entry.”.

#### SEC. 129. BORDER STUDY.

(a) SOUTHERN BORDER STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall conduct a study on the construction of a system of physical barriers along the southern international land and maritime border of the United States. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system, including the identification of areas of high priority for the construction of such a system determined after consideration of factors including the amount of narcotics trafficking and the number of illegal immigrants apprehended in such areas;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of constructing such a system;

(3) an assessment of the international, national, and regional environmental impact of such a system, including the impact on zoning, global climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, and transboundary pollution;

(4) an assessment of the necessity for ports of entry along such a system;

(5) an assessment of the impact such a system would have on international trade, commerce, and tourism;

(6) an assessment of the effect of such a system on private property rights including issues of eminent domain and riparian rights;

(7) an estimate of the costs associated with building a barrier system, including costs associated with excavation, construction, and maintenance;

(8) an assessment of the effect of such a system on Indian reservations and units of the National Park System; and

(9) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system after the implementation of provisions of this Act relating to guest workers, visa reform, and interior and worksite enforcement, and the likely effect of such provisions on undocumented immigration and the flow of illegal immigrants



across the international border of the United States;

(10) an assessment of the impact of such a system on diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico, Central America, and South America, including the likely impact of such a system on existing and potential areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperative enforcement efforts;

(11) an assessment of the impact of such a system on the quality of life within border communities in the United States and Mexico, including its impact on noise and light pollution, housing, transportation, security, and environmental health;

(12) an assessment of the likelihood that such a system would lead to increased violations of the human rights, health, safety, or civil rights of individuals in the region near the southern international border of the United States, regardless of the immigration status of such individuals;

(13) an assessment of the effect such a system would have on violence near the southern international border of the United States; and

(14) an assessment of the effect of such a system on the vulnerability of the United States to infiltration by terrorists or other agents intending to inflict direct harm on the United States.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study described in subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 130. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department shall review each contract action relating to the Secure Border Initiative having a value of more than \$20,000,000, to determine whether each such action fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones, inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned business, and time lines. The Inspector General shall complete a review under this subsection with respect to each contract action—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of the initiation of the action; and

(2) upon the conclusion of the performance of the contract.

(b) **INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—

(1) **ACTION.**—If the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper conduct or wrongdoing in the course of conducting a contract review under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall, as expeditiously as practicable, refer information relating to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary, or to another appropriate official of the Department, who shall determine whether to temporarily suspend the contractor from further participation in the Secure Border Initiative.

(2) **REPORT.**—Upon the completion of each review described in subsection (a), the Inspector General shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the findings of the review, including findings regarding—

(A) cost overruns;

(B) significant delays in contract execution;

(C) lack of rigorous departmental contract management;

(D) insufficient departmental financial oversight;

(E) bundling that limits the ability of small businesses to compete; or

(F) other high risk business practices.

(c) **REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the receipt of each report required under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall submit a report, to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee

on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, that describes—

(A) the findings of the report received from the Inspector General; and

(B) the steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address the problems identified in such report.

(2) **CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.**—Not later than 60 days after the initiation of each contract action with a company whose headquarters is not based in the United States, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, regarding the Secure Border Initiative.

(d) **REPORTS ON UNITED STATES PORTS.**—Not later than 30 days after receiving information regarding a proposed purchase of a contract to manage the operations of a United States port by a foreign entity, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the proposed purchase;

(2) any security concerns related to the proposed purchase; and

(3) the manner in which such security concerns have been addressed.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Office, to enable the Office to carry out this section—

(1) for fiscal year 2007, not less than 5 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year;

(2) for fiscal year 2008, not less than 6 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year; and

(3) for fiscal year 2009, not less than 7 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year.

#### **SEC. 131. MANDATORY DETENTION FOR ALIENS APPREHENDED AT OR BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on October 1, 2007, an alien (other than a national of Mexico) who is attempting to illegally enter the United States and who is apprehended at a United States port of entry or along the international land and maritime border of the United States shall be detained until removed or a final decision granting admission has been determined, unless the alien—

(1) is permitted to withdraw an application for admission under section 235(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(a)(4)) and immediately departs from the United States pursuant to such section; or

(2) is paroled into the United States by the Secretary for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit in accordance with section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)).

(b) **REQUIREMENTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.**—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2007, an alien described in subsection (a) may be released with a notice to appear only if—

(1) the Secretary determines, after conducting all appropriate background and security checks on the alien, that the alien does not pose a national security risk; and

(2) the alien provides a bond of not less than \$5,000.

(c) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—

(1) **ASYLUM AND REMOVAL.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of an alien to apply for asylum or for relief or deferral of removal based on a fear of persecution.

(2) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.**—The mandatory detention requirement in subsection (a) does not apply to any alien who is

a native or citizen of a country in the Western Hemisphere with whose government the United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

(3) **DISCRETION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary, in the Secretary's sole unreviewable discretion, to determine whether an alien described in clause (ii) of section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be detained or released after a finding of a credible fear of persecution (as defined in clause (v) of such section).

#### **SEC. 132. EVASION OF INSPECTION OR VIOLATION OF ARRIVAL, REPORTING, ENTRY, OR CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### **“§ 554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements**

“(a) **PROHIBITION.**—A person shall be punished as described in subsection (b) if such person attempts to elude or eludes customs, immigration, or agriculture inspection or fails to stop at the command of an officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States at a port of entry or customs or immigration checkpoint;

“(b) **PENALTIES.**—A person who commits an offense described in subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) fined under this title;

“(2)(A) imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both;

“(B) imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if in commission of this violation, attempts to inflict or inflicts bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g) of this title); or

“(C) imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, if death results, and may be sentenced to death; or

“(3) both fined and imprisoned under this subsection.

“(c) **CONSPIRACY.**—If 2 or more persons conspire to commit an offense described in subsection (a), and 1 or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punishable as a principal, except that the sentence of death may not be imposed.

“(d) **PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.**—For the purposes of seizure and forfeiture under applicable law, in the case of use of a vehicle or other conveyance in the commission of this offense, or in the case of disregarding or disobeying the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States under section 111(b) of this title, such conduct shall constitute prima facie evidence of smuggling aliens or merchandise.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end:

“554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.”.

(c) **FAILURE TO OBEY BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) **FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDERS OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—Whoever willfully disregards or disobeys the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of official duties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.”.



**Subtitle D—Border Tunnel Prevention Act****SEC. 141. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Prevention Act”.

**SEC. 142. CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER TUNNEL OR PASSAGE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 554. Border tunnels and passages**

“(a) Any person who knowingly constructs or finances the construction of a tunnel or subterranean passage that crosses the international border between the United States and another country, other than a lawfully authorized tunnel or passage known to the Secretary of Homeland Security and subject to inspection by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 20 years.

“(b) Any person who knows or recklessly disregards the construction or use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) on land that the person owns or controls shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

“(c) Any person who uses a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) to unlawfully smuggle an alien, goods (in violation of section 545), controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction (including biological weapons), or a member of a terrorist organization (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi))) shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment that is twice the maximum term of imprisonment that would have otherwise been applicable had the unlawful activity not made use of such a tunnel or passage.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 554. Border tunnels and passages.”.

(c) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—Section 982(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “554,” before “1425.”.

**SEC. 143. DIRECTIVE TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, and in accordance with this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall promulgate or amend sentencing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 132.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall—

(1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary reflect the serious nature of the offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, and the need for aggressive and appropriate law enforcement action to prevent such offenses;

(2) provide adequate base offense levels for offenses under such section;

(3) account for any aggravating or mitigating circumstances that might justify exceptions, including—

(A) the use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) of such section to facilitate other felonies; and

(B) the circumstances for which the sentencing guidelines currently provide applicable sentencing enhancements;

(4) ensure reasonable consistency with other relevant directives, other sentencing guidelines, and statutes;

(5) make any necessary and conforming changes to the sentencing guidelines and policy statements; and

(6) ensure that the sentencing guidelines adequately meet the purposes of sentencing set forth in section 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

**TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT****SEC. 201. REMOVAL AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORIST ALIENS.**

(a) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A)(v) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”.

(b) CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.—Section 240A(c)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking “inadmissible under” and inserting “described in”; and

(2) by striking “deportable under” and inserting “described in”.

(c) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—Section 240B(b)(1)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1229c(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)” and inserting “described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a)”.

(d) RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL.—Section 241(b)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iv) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) the alien is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) (other than an alien described in section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(IV) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there are not reasonable grounds for regarding the alien as a danger to the security of the United States);” and

(4) in the undesignated paragraph, by striking “For purposes of clause (iv), an alien who is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) shall be considered to be an alien with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the United States.”.

(e) RECORD OF ADMISSION.—Section 249 (8 U.S.C. 1259) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 249. RECORD OF ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1972.**

“A record of lawful admission for permanent residence may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, for any alien, as of the date of the approval of the alien’s application or, if entry occurred before July 1, 1924, as of the date of such entry if no such record is otherwise available, if the alien establishes that the alien—

“(1) is not described in section 212(a)(3)(E) or in section 212(a) (insofar as it relates to criminals, procurers, other immoral persons, subversives, violators of the narcotics laws, or smugglers of aliens);

“(2) entered the United States before January 1, 1972;

“(3) has resided in the United States continuously since such entry;

“(4) is a person of good moral character;

“(5) is not ineligible for citizenship; and

“(6) is not described in section 237(a)(4)(B).”.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to any act or condition constituting a ground for inadmissibility, excludability, or removal occurring or existing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 241(a) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” the first place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) by striking “Attorney General” any other place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the expiration date of the stay of removal.”.

(ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of 90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to—

“(i) make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order; or

“(ii) fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including failing to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspiring or acting to prevent the alien’s removal.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) TOLLING OF PERIOD.—If, at the time described in subparagraph (B), the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary under the authority of this Act, the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary lawfully transfers custody of the alien during the removal period to another Federal agency or to a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall recommence on the date on which the alien is returned to the custody of the Secretary.”.

(D) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administrative final order of removal, the Secretary, in the exercise of discretion, may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal.”.

(E) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien’s conduct or activities, or to perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien—

“(i) to prevent the alien from absconding;

“(ii) for the protection of the community;

or

“(iii) for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.”.

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “removal period and, if released,” and inserting “removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien”;

(G) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (10); and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) PAROLE.—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien’s parole or the alien’s removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.



“(8) ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF ALIENS.—The following procedures shall apply to an alien detained under this section:

“(A) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether an alien described in subparagraph (B) should be detained or released after the removal period in accordance with this paragraph.

“(B) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States;

“(ii) has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the alien’s removal order;

“(iii) has cooperated fully with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and to carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for the alien’s departure; and

“(iv) has not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

“(C) EVIDENCE.—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary—

“(i) shall consider any evidence submitted by the alien;

“(ii) may consider any other evidence, including—

“(I) any information or assistance provided by the Department of State or other Federal agency; and

“(II) any other information available to the Secretary pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

“(D) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR 90 DAYS BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(E) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized under subparagraph (D) until the alien is removed, if the Secretary—

“(i) determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

“(ii) certifies in writing—

“(I) in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety;

“(II) after receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, that the release of the alien would likely have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

“(III) based on information available to the Secretary (including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and regardless of the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), that there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States;

“(IV) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, and conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien—

“(AA) has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)(A)), or of 1 or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated

felonies for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least 5 years; or

“(BB) has committed a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code, but not including a purely political offense) and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future; or

“(V) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, notwithstanding conditions of release designed to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)) for which the alien was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year.

“(F) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien pending a determination under subparagraph (E)(ii), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process identified in subparagraph (A) not later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(G) RENEWAL AND DELEGATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

“(i) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a certification under subparagraph (E)(ii) every 6 months, without limitation, after providing the alien with an opportunity to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary does not renew such certification, the Secretary shall release the alien, pursuant to subparagraph (H).

“(ii) DELEGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in subclause (II), (III), or (V) of subparagraph (E)(ii) to any employee reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iii) HEARING.—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General, provide for a hearing to make the determination described in subparagraph (E)(ii)(IV)(bb)(BB).

“(H) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary’s discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

“(I) REDETENTION.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain any alien subject to a final removal order who has previously been released from custody if—

“(i) the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release;

“(ii) the alien fails to continue to satisfy the conditions described in subparagraph (B); or

“(iii) upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under subparagraph (E).

“(J) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(K) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FAIL TO COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall detain an alien until the alien makes all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order and to cooperate fully with the Secretary’s efforts, if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States; and

“(ii)(I) and the alien faces a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed if the alien had not—

“(aa) failed or refused to make all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order;

“(bb) failed or refused to fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including the failure to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure; or

“(cc) conspired or acted to prevent removal; or

“(II) the Secretary makes a certification as specified in subparagraph (E), or the renewal of a certification specified in subparagraph (G).

“(L) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT EFFECTED AN ENTRY.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall follow the guidelines established in section 241.4 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, when detaining aliens who have not effected an entry. The Secretary may decide to apply the review process outlined in this paragraph.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of any action or decision made pursuant to paragraph (6), (7), or (8) shall be available exclusively in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and nonstatutory) available to the alien as of right.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall apply to—

(i) any alien subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any act or condition occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) CRIMINAL DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(B) by inserting “(1)” before “If, after a hearing”;

(C) in subparagraphs (B) and (C), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”; and

(D) by adding after subparagraph (C), as redesignated, the following:

“(2) Subject to rebuttal by the person, it shall be presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person—

“(A) is an alien; and

“(B)(i) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

“(ii) is the subject of a final order of removal; or

“(iii) has committed a felony offense under section 911, 922(g)(5), 1015, 1028, 1425, or 1426 of this title, chapter 75 or 77 of this title, or section 243, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1324, 1325, 1326, 2327, and 1328).”; and

(2) in subsection (g)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:



“(C) the person’s immigration status; and”.

#### SEC. 203. AGGRAVATED FELONY.

(a) DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONY.—Section 101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The term ‘aggravated felony’ means—” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except for the provision providing an effective date for section 203 of the Comprehensive Reform Act of 2006), the term ‘aggravated felony’ applies to an offense described in this paragraph, whether in violation of Federal or State law and to such an offense in violation of the law of a foreign country, for which the term of imprisonment was completed within the previous 15 years, even if the length of the term of imprisonment is based on recidivist or other enhancements and regardless of whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996, and means—”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor;” and inserting “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor, whether or not the minority of the victim is established by evidence contained in the record of conviction or by evidence extrinsic to the record of conviction;”;

(3) in subparagraph (N), by striking “paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of”;

(4) in subparagraph (O), by striking “section 275(a) or 276 committed by an alien who was previously deported on the basis of a conviction for an offense described in another subparagraph of this paragraph” and inserting “section 275 or 276 for which the term of imprisonment is at least 1 year”;

(5) in subparagraph (U), by striking “an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense described in this paragraph” and inserting “aiding or abetting an offense described in this paragraph, or soliciting, counseling, procuring, commanding, or inducing another, attempting, or conspiring to commit such an offense”;

(6) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (U).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall—

(A) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply to any act that occurred on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICATION OF HIRAIRA AMENDMENTS.—The amendments to section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act made by section 321 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-627) shall continue to apply, whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996.

#### SEC. 204. TERRORIST BARS.

(a) DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4), as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Attorney General based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information;”;

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))” and inserting the following: “, regardless of whether the crime was defined as an aggravated felony under subsection (a)(43) at the time of the conviction, unless—

“(A) the person completed the term of imprisonment and sentence not later than 10 years before the date of application; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this paragraph; or”;

(3) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (9), by striking “a finding that for other reasons such person is or was not of good moral character” and inserting the following: “a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. In determining an applicant’s moral character, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General may take into consideration the applicant’s conduct and acts at any time and are not limited to the period during which good moral character is required.”.

(b) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A petition may not be approved under this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could directly or indirectly result in the petitioner’s denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner’s lawful permanent resident status.”.

(c) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(2) CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS.—Section 216A(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS.—Section 310(c) (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security’s final determination,” after “may”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “Except that in any proceeding, other than a proceeding under section 340, the court shall review for substantial evidence the administrative record and findings of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding whether an alien is a person of good moral character, understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. The petitioner shall have the burden of showing that the Secretary’s denial of the application was contrary to law.”.

(e) PERSONS ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY.—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) PERSONS ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY.—A person may not be naturalized if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, that the person was once an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4).”.

(f) CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 318 (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended by striking “the Attorney General if” and all that follows and inserting: “the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court if there is pending against the applicant any removal proceeding or other proceeding to determine the applicant’s inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicant’s lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced. The findings of the Attorney General in terminating removal proceedings or canceling the removal of an alien under this Act shall not be deemed binding in any way upon the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the question of whether such person has established eligibility for naturalization in accordance with this title.”.

(g) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.—Section 336(b) (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE DISTRICT COURT.—If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews required under such section, the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. The Secretary shall notify the applicant when such examinations and interviews have been completed. Such district court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter, with appropriate instructions, to the Secretary for the Secretary’s determination on the application.”.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to any act that occurred on or after such date of enactment.

#### SEC. 205. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO GANG VIOLENCE, REMOVAL, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.

(a) CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—

(1) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (J); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who a consular officer, the Attorney General, or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is inadmissible.”.

(2) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is deportable.”.

(3) TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Section 244 (8 U.S.C. 1254a) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, for any reason (including national security), terminate or modify any designation under this section. Such termination or modification is effective upon publication in



the Federal Register, or after such time as the Secretary may designate in the Federal Register.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a period of 12 or 18 months” and inserting “any other period not to exceed 18 months”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “The amount of any such fee shall not exceed \$50.”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “, or” at the end;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) the alien is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code).”; and

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may detain an alien provided temporary protected status under this section whenever appropriate under any other provision of law.”.

(b) **PENALTIES RELATED TO REMOVAL.**—Section 243 (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “212(a) or” after “section”; and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking “or imprisoned not more than four years” and inserting “and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years”; and

(ii) by striking “, or both”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both” and inserting “under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years (or for not more than 10 years if the alien is a member of any of the classes described in paragraphs (1)(E), (2), (3), and (4) of section 237(a)).”; and

(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) **DENYING VISAS TO NATIONALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING ALIEN.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after making a determination that the government of a foreign country has denied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country after the alien has been ordered removed, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, may instruct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to any citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country until the country accepts the alien that was ordered removed.”.

(c) **ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274 (8 U.S.C. 1324), is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**

“(a) **CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), a person shall be punished as provided under paragraph (2), if the person—

“(A) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, or cross the border to the United States;

“(B) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the

United States, at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien and regardless of whether such alien has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States;

“(C) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from 1 country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the alien is seeking to enter the United States without official permission or legal authority;

“(D) encourages or induces a person to reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in the United States;

“(E) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, if the transportation or movement will further the alien’s illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

“(F) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States; or

“(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

“(2) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—A person who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) if the violation is the offender’s first violation under this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(ii) if the violation is the offender’s second or subsequent violation of this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 3 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(C) if the offense furthered or aided the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(D) shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both, if the offense created a substantial and foreseeable risk of death, a substantial and foreseeable risk of serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code), or inhumane conditions to another person, including—

“(i) transporting the person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting the person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting the person in, harboring the person in, or otherwise subjecting the person to crowded or dangerous conditions;

“(E) if the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code) to any person, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not

less than 7 years or more than 30 years, or both;

“(F) shall be fined under such title and imprisoned for not less than 10 years or more than 30 years if the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in terrorist activity;

“(G) if the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for a term of years not less than 10 years and up to life, and fined under title 18, United States Code.

“(3) **LIMITATION.**—It is not a violation of subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(A) for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses, provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the denomination for at least 1 year; or

“(B) for an individual or organization, not previously convicted of a violation of this section, to provide an alien who is present in the United States with humanitarian assistance, including medical care, housing, counseling, victim services, and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered.

“(4) **EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.**—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) **EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES.**—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly employs 10 or more individuals with actual knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the individuals are aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) **DEFINITION.**—An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3));

“(B) is present in the United States without lawful authority; and

“(C) has been brought into the United States in violation of this subsection.

“(c) **SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any real or personal property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) **APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.**—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) **PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.**—In determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, prima facie evidence that an alien involved in the alleged violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or



be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided in, remained in, or been present in the United States in violation of law shall include—

“(A) any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien’s status or lack of status made by a Federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under Federal immigration law;

“(B) official records of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien’s status or lack of status; and

“(C) testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien’s status or lack of status.

“(d) **AUTHORITY TO ARREST.**—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except—

“(1) officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class; and

“(2) other officers responsible for the enforcement of Federal criminal laws.

“(e) **ADMISSIBILITY OF VIDEOTAPED WITNESS TESTIMONY.**—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped or otherwise audiovisually preserved deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if—

“(1) the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition by the party, if any, opposing admission of the testimony; and

“(2) the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) **OUTREACH PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall—

“(A) develop and implement an outreach program to educate people in and out of the United States about the penalties for bringing in and harboring aliens in violation of this section; and

“(B) establish the American Local and Interior Enforcement Needs (ALIEN) Task Force to identify and respond to the use of Federal, State, and local transportation infrastructure to further the trafficking of unlawful aliens within the United States.

“(2) **FIELD OFFICES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after consulting with State and local government officials, shall establish such field offices as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(3) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums are necessary for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

“(g) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) **CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.**—An alien is deemed to have crossed the border into the United States regardless of whether the alien is free from official restraint.

“(2) **LAWFUL AUTHORITY.**—The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or accompanying regulations. The term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law or authority sought, but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States if such coming to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(3) **PROCEEDS.**—The term ‘proceeds’ includes any property or interest in property obtained or retained as a consequence of an act or omission in violation of this section.

“(4) **UNLAWFUL TRANSIT.**—The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present or any country from which the alien is traveling or moving.”.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 274 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”.

(d) **PROHIBITING CARRYING OR USING A FIREARM DURING AND IN RELATION TO AN ALIEN SMUGGLING CRIME.**—Section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “any crime of violence”;;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “such crime of violence”;;

(C) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “crime of violence”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘alien smuggling crime’ means any felony punishable under section 274(a), 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a), 1327, and 1328).”.

**SEC. 206. ILLEGAL ENTRY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 275 (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 275. ILLEGAL ENTRY.**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL OFFENSES.**—An alien shall be subject to the penalties set forth in paragraph (2) if the alien—

“(A) knowingly enters or crosses the border into the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(B) knowingly eludes examination or inspection by an immigration officer (including failing to stop at the command of such officer), or a customs or agriculture inspection at a port of entry; or

“(C) knowingly enters or crosses the border to the United States by means of a knowingly false or misleading representation or the knowing concealment of a material fact (including such representation or concealment in the context of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements of the customs law, immigration laws, agriculture laws, or shipping laws).

“(2) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—Any alien who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall, for the first violation, be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

“(B) shall, for a second or subsequent violation, or following an order of voluntary departure, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both;

“(C) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors or for a felony, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(D) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; and

“(E) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) **PRIOR CONVICTIONS.**—The prior convictions described in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (2) are elements of the offenses described in that paragraph and the penalties in such subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(A) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(B) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(4) **DURATION OF OFFENSE.**—An offense under this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by an immigration officer.

“(5) **ATTEMPT.**—Whoever attempts to commit any offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as for a completion of such offense.

“(b) **IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE; CIVIL PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any alien who is apprehended while entering, attempting to enter, or knowingly crossing or attempting to cross the border to the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be subject to a civil penalty, in addition to any criminal or other civil penalties that may be imposed under any other provision of law, in an amount equal to—

“(A) not less than \$50 or more than \$250 for each such entry, crossing, attempted entry, or attempted crossing; or

“(B) twice the amount specified in paragraph (1) if the alien had previously been subject to a civil penalty under this subsection.

“(2) **CROSSED THE BORDER DEFINED.**—In this section, an alien is deemed to have crossed the border if the act was voluntary, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 275 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 275. Illegal entry.”.

**SEC. 207. ILLEGAL REENTRY.**

Section 276 (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 276. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.**

“(a) **REENTRY AFTER REMOVAL.**—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

“(b) **REENTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.**—Notwithstanding the penalty provided in subsection (a), if an alien described in that subsection—

“(1) was convicted for 3 or more misdemeanors or a felony before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(2) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

“(3) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;

“(4) was convicted for 3 felonies before such removal or departure, the alien shall be



fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(5) was convicted, before such removal or departure, for murder, rape, kidnaping, or a felony offense described in chapter 77 (relating to peonage and slavery) or 113B (relating to terrorism) of such title, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(C) REENTRY AFTER REPEATED REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subsection (b) are elements of the crimes described in that subsection, and the penalties in that subsection shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(1) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(2) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that—

“(1) prior to the alleged violation, the alien had sought and received the express consent of the Secretary of Homeland Security to reapply for admission into the United States; or

“(2) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, the alien—

“(A) was not required to obtain such advance consent under the Immigration and Nationality Act or any prior Act; and

“(B) had complied with all other laws and regulations governing the alien's admission into the United States.

“(f) LIMITATION ON COLLATERAL ATTACK ON UNDERLYING REMOVAL ORDER.—In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of any prior removal order concerning the alien unless the alien demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that—

“(1) the alien exhausted all administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;

“(2) the removal proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and

“(3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

“(g) REENTRY OF ALIEN REMOVED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.—Any alien removed pursuant to section 241(a)(4) who enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in, the United States shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release unless the alien affirmatively demonstrates that the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien's reentry. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of removed aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

“(h) LIMITATION.—It is not aiding and abetting a violation of this section for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered without compensation or the expectation of compensation.

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSES THE BORDER.—The term ‘crosses the border’ applies if an alien acts

voluntarily, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.

“(2) FELONY.—Term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(3) MISDEMEANOR.—The term ‘misdemeanor’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year under the applicable laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) REMOVAL.—The term ‘removal’ includes any denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal, or any agreement by which an alien stipulates or agrees to exclusion, deportation, or removal.

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”.

#### SEC. 208. REFORM OF PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

##### “CHAPTER 75—PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD

“Sec.

“1541. Trafficking in passports.

“1542. False statement in an application for a passport.

“1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport.

“1544. Misuse of a passport.

“1545. Schemes to defraud aliens.

“1546. Immigration and visa fraud.

“1547. Marriage fraud.

“1548. Attempts and conspiracies.

“1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses.

“1550. Seizure and forfeiture.

“1551. Additional jurisdiction.

“1552. Additional venue.

“1553. Definitions.

“1554. Authorized law enforcement activities.

“1555. Exception for refugees and asylees.

##### “§ 1541. Trafficking in passports

“(a) MULTIPLE PASSPORTS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

“(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more passports;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more passports;

“(3) secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more passports, knowing the passports to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more applications for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), knowing the applications to contain any false statement or representation, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(b) PASSPORT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material used to make a passport shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

##### “§ 1542. False statement in an application for a passport

“Any person who knowingly—

“(1) makes any false statement or representation in an application for a United

States passport (including any supporting documentation);

“(2) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation) knowing the application to contain any false statement or representation; or

“(3) causes or attempts to cause the production of a passport by means of any fraud or false application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), if such production occurs or would occur at a facility authorized by the Secretary of State for the production of passports

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

##### “§ 1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport

“(a) FORGERY.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any passport; or

“(2) knowingly transfers any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, or to have been produced or issued without lawful authority, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) UNLAWFUL PRODUCTION.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority—

“(1) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a passport in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance of the passport;

“(2) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a United States passport for or to any person not owing allegiance to the United States; or

“(3) transfers or furnishes a passport to a person for use when such person is not the person for whom the passport was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

##### “§ 1544. Misuse of a passport

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly uses any passport issued or designed for the use of another;

“(2) knowingly uses any passport in violation of the conditions or restrictions therein contained, or in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance and use of the passport;

“(3) knowingly secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) knowingly violates the terms and conditions of any safe conduct duly obtained and issued under the authority of the United States

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) ENTRY; FRAUD.—Any person who knowingly uses any passport, knowing the passport to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, produced or issued without lawful authority, or issued or designed for the use of another—

“(1) to enter or to attempt to enter the United States; or

“(2) to defraud the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

##### “§ 1545. Schemes to defraud aliens

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly executes a scheme or artifice, in connection with any matter that is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws, or any matter the offender claims or represents is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws—



“(1) to defraud any person, or  
 “(2) to obtain or receive from any person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, money or anything else of value,  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who knowingly and falsely represents himself to be an attorney in any matter arising under Federal immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1546. Immigration and visa fraud

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly—

“(1) uses any immigration document issued or designed for the use of another;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any immigration document;

“(3) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits any immigration document knowing it to contain any materially false statement or representation;

“(4) secures, possesses, uses, transfers, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any immigration document knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority;

“(5) adopts or uses a false or fictitious name to evade or to attempt to evade the immigration laws; or

“(6) transfers or furnishes an immigration document to a person without lawful authority for use if such person is not the person for whom the immigration document was issued or designed,  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

“(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more immigration documents;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more immigration documents;

“(3) secures, possesses, uses, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more immigration documents, knowing the immigration documents to be forged, counterfeited, altered, stolen, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more immigration documents knowing the documents to contain any materially false statement or representation,  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material, used to make an immigration document shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1547. Marriage fraud

“(a) EVASION OR MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

“(2) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

“(A) in an application or document authorized by the immigration laws; or

“(B) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals),  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into 2 or more marriages for the purpose of evading any immigration law; or

“(2) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates 2 or more marriages designed or intended to evade any immigration law, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—Any person who knowingly establishes a commercial enterprise for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An offense under subsection (a) or (b) continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

“(2) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—An offense under subsection (c) continues until the fraudulent nature of commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer or other law enforcement officer.

#### “§ 1548. Attempts and conspiracies

“Any person who attempts or conspires to violate any section of this chapter shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completed a violation of that section.

#### “§ 1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses

“(a) TERRORISM.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331); or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism,  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 25 years, or both.

“(b) OFFENSE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year; or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year,  
 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1550. Seizure and forfeiture

“(a) FORFEITURE.—Any property, real or personal, used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of any section of this chapter, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General.

#### “§ 1551. Additional jurisdiction

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter.

“(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter outside the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter if—

“(1) the offense involves a United States immigration document (or any document purporting to be such a document) or any matter, right, or benefit arising under or authorized by Federal immigration laws;

“(2) the offense is in or affects foreign commerce;

“(3) the offense affects, jeopardizes, or poses a significant risk to the lawful administration of Federal immigration laws, or the national security of the United States;

“(4) the offense is committed to facilitate an act of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331) or a drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 929(a)(2)) that affects or would affect the national security of the United States;

“(5) the offender is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))) or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(20) of such Act); or

“(6) the offender is a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States.

#### “§ 1552. Additional venue

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offense under section 1542 may be prosecuted in—

“(1) any district in which the false statement or representation was made;

“(2) any district in which the passport application was prepared, submitted, mailed, received, processed, or adjudicated; or

“(3) in the case of an application prepared and adjudicated outside the United States, in the district in which the resultant passport was produced.

“(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the venue otherwise available under sections 3237 and 3238.

#### “§ 1553. Definitions

“As used in this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘falsely make’ means to prepare or complete an immigration document with knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the document—

“(A) contains a statement or representation that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent;

“(B) has no basis in fact or law; or

“(C) otherwise fails to state a fact which is material to the purpose for which the document was created, designed, or submitted.

“(2) The term a ‘false statement or representation’ includes a personation or an omission.

“(3) The term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) The term ‘immigration document’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any passport or visa; or

“(ii) any application, petition, affidavit, declaration, attestation, form, identification card, alien registration document, employment authorization document, border crossing card, certificate, permit, order, license, stamp, authorization, grant of authority, or other evidentiary document, arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States; and

“(B) includes any document, photograph, or other piece of evidence attached to or submitted in support of an immigration document.

“(5) The term ‘immigration laws’ includes—

“(A) the laws described in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));



“(B) the laws relating to the issuance and use of passports; and

“(C) the regulations prescribed under the authority of any law described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) The term ‘immigration proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.

“(7) A person does not exercise ‘lawful authority’ if the person abuses or improperly exercises lawful authority the person otherwise holds.

“(8) The term ‘passport’ means a travel document attesting to the identity and nationality of the bearer that is issued under the authority of the Secretary of State, a foreign government, or an international organization; or any instrument purporting to be the same.

“(9) The term ‘produce’ means to make, prepare, assemble, issue, print, authenticate, or alter.

“(10) The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### “§ 1554. Authorized law enforcement activities

“Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an intelligence agency of the United States, or any activity authorized under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 933).

#### “§ 1555. Exception for refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable persons

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a person believed to have violated section 1542, 1544, 1546, or 1548 while attempting to enter the United States, without delay, indicates an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158 and 1231), or for relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (in accordance with section 208.17 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations), or under section 101(a)(15)(T), 101(a)(15)(U), 101(a)(27)(J), 101(a)(51), 216(c)(4)(C), 240A(b)(2), or 244(a)(3) (as in effect prior to March 31, 1997) of such Act, or a credible fear of persecution or torture—

“(1) the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal immigration official to review such claim and make a determination if such claim is warranted;

“(2) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person qualifies for the claimed relief, the person shall not be considered to have violated any such section; and

“(3) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person does not qualify for the claimed relief, the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal official for prosecution under this chapter.

“(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, increase, or alter the obligations of refugees or the United States under article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters in title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 75 and inserting the following:

#### “75. Passport, visa, and immigration fraud ..... 1541”.

(b) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—Section 208 (8 U.S.C.

1158) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall develop binding prosecution guidelines for federal prosecutors to ensure that any prosecution of an alien seeking entry into the United States by fraud is consistent with the written terms and limitations of Article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”.

#### SEC. 209. INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “, or” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after subclause (II) the following:

“(III) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 237(a)(3)(B)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) of a violation of any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to proceedings pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to conduct occurring on or after that date.

#### SEC. 210. INCARCERATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.

(a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) or shall develop and implement another program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary may extend the scope of the Program to all States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State may—

(1) hold an illegal alien for a period not to exceed 14 days after the completion of the alien’s State prison sentence to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody if the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until authorized employees of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

(c) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology, such as videoconferencing, shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make the Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as IDENT, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the participation of States in the Program

and in any other program authorized under subsection (a).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the Program.

#### SEC. 211. ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240B (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection instead of being subject to proceedings under section 240.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Attorney General may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection after the initiation of removal proceedings under section 240 and before the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 120 days. The Secretary may require an alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive the requirement to post a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will pose a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(vi) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;



(F) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a period exceeding 60 days” and inserting “any period in excess of 45 days”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.—Voluntary departure may only be granted as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review relating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—In connection with the alien’s agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) ADVISALS.—Agreements relating to voluntary departure granted during removal proceedings under section 240, or at the conclusion of such proceedings, shall be presented on the record before the immigration judge. The immigration judge shall advise the alien of the consequences of a voluntary departure agreement before accepting such agreement.

“(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including failure to timely post any required bond), the alien is—

“(i) ineligible for the benefits of the agreement;

“(ii) subject to the penalties described in subsection (d); and

“(iii) subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b).

“(B) EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.—If, after agreeing to voluntary departure, the alien files a timely appeal of the immigration judge’s decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien’s voluntary departure agreement and the consequences of such agreement, but precludes the alien from another grant of voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.

“(5) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary in writing in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien’s obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”;

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an alien is permitted to voluntarily depart under this section and fails to voluntarily depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the alien will be subject to the following penalties:

“(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—The alien shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000. The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record. If the

Secretary thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law. An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this chapter until this civil penalty is paid.

“(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—The alien shall be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249. The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily shall inform the alien of the penalties under this subsection.

“(3) REOPENING.—The alien shall be ineligible to reopen the final order of removal that took effect upon the alien’s failure to depart, or upon the alien’s other violations of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2). This paragraph does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the order granting voluntary departure in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”; and

(5) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) ELIGIBILITY.—

“(1) PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—An alien shall not be permitted to voluntarily depart under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsections (a)(2) or (b) of this section for any class or classes of aliens.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D) of this Act, sections 1361, 1651, and 2241 of title 28, United States Code, any other habeas corpus provision, and any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c(d)).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(6) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is filed on or after such date.

## SEC. 212. DETERRING ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED FROM REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES UNLAWFULLY.

(a) INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—Section 212(a)(9)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such removal (or within 20 years)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 5 years after the date of the alien’s removal (or not later than 20 years after the alien’s removal”;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien’s departure or removal (or within 20 years of)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 10 years after the date of the alien’s departure or removal (or not later than 20 years after”.

(b) BAR ON DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—Section 274D (9 U.S.C. 324d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Commissioner” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless a timely motion to reopen is granted under section 240(c)(6), an alien described in subsection (a) shall be ineligible for any discretionary relief from removal (including cancellation of removal and adjustment of status) during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure from the United States.

“(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the final order of removal in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to aliens who are subject to a final order of removal entered on or after such date.

## SEC. 213. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO, OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN ALIENS.

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”;

(2) in subsection (g)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”.

(3) in subsection (y)—

(A) in the header, by striking “ADMITTED UNDER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS” and inserting “IN A NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:



“(B) the term ‘nonimmigrant classification’ includes all classes of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), or otherwise described in the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of such Act).”;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa” and inserting “is in a nonimmigrant classification”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “Any individual who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)” and inserting “Any alien in a nonimmigrant classification may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)(B)”.

**SEC. 214. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PEONAGE OFFENSES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3291 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses**

“No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of any section of chapters 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship offenses), 75 (relating to passport, visa, and immigration offenses), or 77 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, for a violation of any criminal provision under section 243, 266, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1306, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 1328), or for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, unless the indictment is returned or the information filed not later than 10 years after the commission of the offense.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3291 and inserting the following:

**“3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.”.**

**SEC. 215. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.**

Section 2709(a)(1) of title 22, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) conduct investigations concerning—  
“(A) illegal passport or visa issuance or use;

“(B) identity theft or document fraud affecting or relating to the programs, functions, and authorities of the Department of State;

“(C) violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and

“(D) Federal offenses committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code);”.

**SEC. 216. FIELD AGENT ALLOCATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) MINIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS IN STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate to each State—

“(A) not fewer than 40 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to—

“(i) investigate immigration violations; and

“(ii) ensure the departure of all removable aliens; and

“(B) not fewer than 15 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Citizenship and

Immigration Services to carry out immigration and naturalization adjudication functions.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) for any State with a population of less than 2,000,000, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriate background and security checks, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be completed and assessed and any suspected or alleged fraud relating to the granting of any status (including the granting of adjustment of status), relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under this Act shall be investigated and resolved before the Secretary or the Attorney General may—

“(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

“(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Secretary, the Attorney General, or any court.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 217. CONSTRUCTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title III (8 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 362. CONSTRUCTION.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any Federal agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

“(1) any alien described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of section 212(a)(3) or subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

“(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien's inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

“(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.

“(b) DENIAL; WITHHOLDING.—An official described in subsection (a) may deny or withhold (with respect to an alien described in subsection (a)(1)) or withhold pending resolution of the investigation, case, or law enforcement checks (with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a)) any such application, petition, status, or benefit on such basis.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 361 the following:

**“Sec. 362. Construction.”.**

**SEC. 218. STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—The Secretary shall reimburse States and units of local government for costs associated with processing undocumented criminal aliens through the criminal justice system, including—

- (1) indigent defense;
- (2) criminal prosecution;
- (3) autopsies;

(4) translators and interpreters; and

(5) courts costs.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out subsection (a).

(2) COMPENSATION UPON REQUEST.—Section 241(i)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry this subsection—

“(A) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007;

“(B) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(C) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(D) \$950,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 501 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 219. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide sufficient transportation and officers to take illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers into custody for processing at a detention facility operated by the Department.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 220. REDUCING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ALIEN SMUGGLING ON TRIBAL LANDS.**

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may award grants to Indian tribes with lands adjacent to an international border of the United States that have been adversely affected by illegal immigration.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used for—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) health care services;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) the preservation of cultural resources.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

(1) describes the level of access of Border Patrol agents on tribal lands;

(2) describes the extent to which enforcement of immigration laws may be improved by enhanced access to tribal lands;

(3) contains a strategy for improving such access through cooperation with tribal authorities; and

(4) identifies grants provided by the Department for Indian tribes, either directly or through State or local grants, relating to border security expenses.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 221. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.**

The Secretary shall conduct a study of—

(1) the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring devices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders;

(2) the effectiveness of the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program and the costs and benefits of expanding that program to all States; and

(3) other alternatives to detention, including—



- (A) release on an order of recognizance;
- (B) appearance bonds; and
- (C) electronic monitoring devices.

**SEC. 222. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

Section 101(a)(43)(P) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(P)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) which either is falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering a passport or instrument in violation of section 1543 of title 18, United States Code, or is described in section 1546(a) of such title (relating to document fraud) and (ii)” and inserting “which is described in chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, and”; and

(2) by inserting the following: “that is not described in section 1548 of such title (relating to increased penalties), and” after “first offense”.

**SEC. 223. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **CLARIFYING ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 265 (8 U.S.C. 1305) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “notify the Attorney General in writing” and inserting “submit written or electronic notification to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in a manner approved by the Secretary.”;

(B) by striking “the Attorney General may require by regulation” and inserting “the Secretary may require”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “If the alien is involved in proceedings before an immigration judge or in an administrative appeal of such proceedings, the alien shall submit to the Attorney General the alien’s current address and a telephone number, if any, at which the alien may be contacted.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “given to such parent” and inserting “given by such parent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED.—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary under paragraph (2), an address provided by an alien under this section shall be the alien’s current residential mailing address, and shall not be a post office box or other non-residential mailing address or the address of an attorney, representative, labor organization, or employer.

“(2) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary may provide specific requirements with respect to—

“(A) designated classes of aliens and special circumstances, including aliens who are employed at a remote location; and

“(B) the reporting of address information by aliens who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local correctional facility.

“(3) **DETENTION.**—An alien who is being detained by the Secretary under this Act is not required to report the alien’s current address under this section during the time the alien remains in detention, but shall be required to notify the Secretary of the alien’s address under this section at the time of the alien’s release from detention.

“(e) **USE OF MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE ALIEN.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the appropriate coordination and cross referencing of address information provided by an alien under this section with other information relating to the alien’s address under other Federal programs, including—

“(A) any information pertaining to the alien, which is submitted in any application, petition, or motion filed under this Act with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Labor;

“(B) any information available to the Attorney General with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal or judicial review of such proceeding;

“(C) any information collected with respect to nonimmigrant foreign students or exchange program participants under section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372); and

“(D) any information collected from State or local correctional agencies pursuant to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

“(2) **RELIANCE.**—The Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under this section or section 264 to send to the alien any notice, form, document, or other matter pertaining to Federal immigration laws, including service of a notice to appear. The Attorney General and the Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under section 239(a)(1)(F) to contact the alien about pending removal proceedings.

“(3) **OBLIGATION.**—The alien’s provision of an address for any other purpose under the Federal immigration laws does not excuse the alien’s obligation to submit timely notice of the alien’s address to the Secretary under this section (or to the Attorney General under section 239(a)(1)(F) with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal of such proceeding).”.

(b) **CONFORMING CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**—Chapter 7 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 262(c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in section 263(a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(3) in section 264—

(A) in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General is authorized” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General are authorized”; and

(ii) by striking “Attorney General or the Service” and inserting “Secretary or the Attorney General”.

(c) **PENALTIES.**—Section 266 (8 U.S.C. 1306) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) **FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ALIEN’S CURRENT ADDRESS.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—Any alien or any parent or legal guardian in the United States of any minor alien who fails to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the alien’s current address in accordance with section 265 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) **EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION STATUS.**—Any alien who violates section 265 (regardless of whether the alien is punished under paragraph (1)) and does not establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful shall be taken into custody in connection with removal of the alien. If the alien has not been inspected or admitted, or if the alien has failed on more than 1 occasion to submit notice of the alien’s current address as required under section 265, the alien may be presumed to be a flight risk. The Secretary or the Attorney General, in considering any form of relief from removal which may be granted in the discretion of the Sec-

retary or the Attorney General, may take into consideration the alien’s failure to comply with section 265 as a separate negative factor. If the alien failed to comply with the requirements of section 265 after becoming subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, the alien’s failure shall be considered as a strongly negative factor with respect to any discretionary motion for reopening or reconsideration filed by the alien.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or a notice of current address” before “containing statements”; and

(3) in subsections (c) and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to proceedings initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—The amendments made by paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are effective as if enacted on March 1, 2003.

**SEC. 224. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 287(g) (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If such training is provided by a State or political subdivision of a State to an officer or employee of such State or political subdivision of a State, the cost of such training (including applicable overtime costs) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The cost of any equipment required to be purchased under such written agreement and necessary to perform the functions under this subsection shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section.

**SEC. 225. REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(a)(43)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(F)) is amended by inserting “, including a third drunk driving conviction, regardless of the States in which the convictions occurred or whether the offenses are classified as misdemeanors or felonies under State law,” after “offense”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to convictions entered before, on, or after such date.

**SEC. 226. MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.**

Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and before June 1, 2006.”.

**SEC. 227. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 238 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:



“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien—

“(A) has not been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(B) was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act.”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

## SEC. 228. PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

(a) IMMIGRANTS.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “Any” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (vii), any”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

“(vii) Clause (i) shall not apply to a citizen of the United States who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the citizen poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in clause (i) is filed.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting the following: “(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), any alien”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Subclause (I) shall not apply in the case of an alien admitted for permanent resi-

dence who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in subclause (I) is filed.”.

(b) NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 101(a)(15)(K) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)), is amended by inserting “(other than a citizen described in section 204(a)(1)(A)(vii))” after “citizen of the United States” each place that phrase appears.

## SEC. 229. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et. seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

## “SEC. 240D. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF ALIENS TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, law enforcement personnel of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody (including the transportation across State lines to detention centers) an alien for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the criminal provisions of the immigration laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

“(b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

“(c) TRANSFER.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State) exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an alien lawfully admitted to the United States or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States; and

“(B) if the individual is an alien who is not lawfully admitted to the United States or otherwise is not lawfully present in the United States—

“(i) take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government not later than 72 hours after—

“(I) the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process; or

“(II) the illegal alien is apprehended, if no State charging or dismissal process is required; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State, or a

political subdivision of a State, for expenses, as verified by the Secretary, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of an alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) the cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (c) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that—

“(1) aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this section are held in facilities which provide an appropriate level of security; and

“(2) if practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(f) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended aliens from the custody of those States, and political subdivisions of States, which routinely submit requests described in subsection (c), into Federal custody.

“(g) AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or if appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located, has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.).

## SEC. 230. LAUNDERING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENTS.

Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “section 1590 (relating to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor),” after “section 1363 (relating to destruction of



property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction); and

(2) by inserting “section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.1324(a)) (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens),” after “section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) (relating to aviation smuggling);”.

**SEC. 231. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**

(a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(3) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) (as amended by section 211(a)(1)(C)), subsection (b)(2) of such section 240B, or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States; and

(D) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in consultation with the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice, shall develop and implement a procedure by which an alien may petition the Secretary or head of the National Crime Information Center, as appropriate, to remove any erroneous information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien. Under such procedures, failure by the alien to receive notice of a violation of the immigration laws shall not constitute cause for removing information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien, unless such information is erroneous. Notwithstanding the 180-day time period set forth in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not provide the information required under paragraph (1) until the procedures required by this paragraph are developed and implemented.

(b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States; and”.

**SEC. 232. COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.**

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall negotiate and execute, where practicable, a cooperative enforcement agreement described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) with at least 1 law enforcement agency in each

State, to train law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of individuals engaged in transporting, harboring, sheltering, or encouraging aliens in violation of section 274 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

**SEC. 233. INCREASE OF FEDERAL DETENTION SPACE AND THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1990.**

(a) CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall construct or acquire, in addition to existing facilities for the detention of aliens, 20 detention facilities in the United States that have the capacity to detain a combined total of not less than 10,000 individuals at any time for aliens detained pending removal or a decision on removal of such aliens from the United States.

(2) DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.—The location of any detention facility built or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined with the concurrence of the Secretary by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department. The detention facilities shall be located so as to enable the officers and employees of the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(3) USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.—In acquiring detention facilities under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with paragraph (1).

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 241(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 234. DETERMINATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL OFFENSES.**

(a) RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the office of the United States Attorney that is prosecuting a criminal case in a Federal court—

(1) shall determine, not later than 30 days after filing the initial pleadings in the case, whether each defendant in the case is lawfully present in the United States (subject to subsequent legal proceedings to determine otherwise);

(2)(A) if the defendant is determined to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination and the current status of the alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(B) if the defendant is determined not to be lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination, the defendant's alien status, and, to the extent possible, the country of origin or legal residence of the defendant; and

(3) ensure that the information described in paragraph (2) is included in the case file and the criminal records system of the office of the United States attorney.

(b) GUIDELINES.—A determination made under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in accordance with guidelines of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL COURTS.—

(1) MODIFICATIONS OF RECORDS AND CASE MANAGEMENTS SYSTEMS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, all Federal courts that hear criminal cases, or appeals of criminal cases, shall modify their criminal records and case management systems, in accordance with guidelines which the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall establish, so as to enable accurate reporting of information described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) DATA ENTRIES.—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal court described in paragraph (1) shall enter into its electronic records the information contained in each notification to the court under subsection (a)(2).

(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide a basis for admitting evidence to a jury or releasing information to the public regarding an alien's immigration status.

(e) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall include, in the annual report filed with Congress under section 604 of title 28, United States Code—

(1) statistical information on criminal trials of aliens in the courts and criminal convictions of aliens in the lower courts and upheld on appeal, including the type of crime in each case and including information on the legal status of the aliens; and

(2) recommendations on whether additional court resources are needed to accommodate the volume of criminal cases brought against aliens in the Federal courts.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year shall remain available until expended.

**TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

**SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing or with reason to know that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—If the Secretary determines



that an employer has hired more than 10 unauthorized aliens during a calendar year, a rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding, that the employer knew or had reason to know that such aliens were unauthorized.

“(5) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record-keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's

identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that complies with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that is not in compliance with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, if the license or identity card—

“(I) is not required by the Secretary to comply with such requirements; and

“(II) contains the individual's photograph or information, including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(iii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iv) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer



and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—The employer shall maintain records related to an individual of any no-match notice from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding the individual's name or corresponding social security account number and the steps taken to resolve each issue described in the no-match notice.

“(C) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(D) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability; and

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether such social security account number is valid for employment in the United States; and

“(iv) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration

Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after such date of enactment, if the Secretary determines, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, such employer or class of employer is—

“(I) part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; or

“(II) directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may require an additional employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired on or after such date if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 5,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MIDSIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with less than 5,000 employees and with 1,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers with less than 1,000 employees and with 250 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, if the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.



“(5) WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual’s social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require; and

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and the individual may contest such nonconfirmation notice.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final

such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(11) FEES.—The Secretary is authorized to require any employer participating in the System to pay a fee or fees for such participation. The fees may be set at a level that will recover the full cost of providing the System to all participants. The fees shall be deposited and remain available as provided in subsection (m) and (n) of section 286 and the System is providing an immigration adjudication and naturalization service for purposes of section 286(n).

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary’s intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.



“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORD KEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b), (c), or (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be

on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—

“(1) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive

operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) WAIVER.—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) SUSPENSION.—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—

“(1) DOCUMENTATION.—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) PREEMPTION.—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) requiring, as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business, that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.

“(j) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:



“(1) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) NO-MATCH NOTICE.—The term ‘no-match notice’ means written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.

“(3) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(4) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

“(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) PURPOSE.—Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

“(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

#### SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.

(a) WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) FRAUD DETECTION.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigra-

tion fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

On page 332, line 9, strike “6 years” and insert “5 years”.

On page 332, line 15, strike “The” and all that follows through line 18, and insert the following:

“(C) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—An alien granted conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status under this section who departs the United States during the 6-year period described in subparagraph (A) may seek admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15) without regard to the numerical limitations under section 214.

On page 340, strike line 10 and all that follows through the undesignated matter before line 19 on page 345, and insert the following:

#### SEC. 602. CANCELLATION OF DEPARTURE AND ADJUSTMENT FOR HUMANITARIAN CASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240A (8 U.S.C. 1229b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) CANCELLATION OF DEPARTURE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, may adjust the status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if the alien—

“(A) is a conditional nonimmigrant who has not violated any material term or condition of such status;

“(B) makes an application for such adjustment of status;

“(C) has been physically present in the United States for a continuous period of not less than 10 years immediately preceding the date of such application;

“(D) establishes that the alien’s departure from the United States upon the expiration of conditional nonimmigrant status would result in significant hardship to the alien’s spouse, parent, or child, who is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(E) establishes that the alien meets the English language, history, and principles and form of government requirements under section 312; and

“(F) establishes that the alien has paid all Federal income taxes owed for employment during the required period of continuous residence.

“(2) APPLICATION FEE.—An alien seeking humanitarian relief shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in addition to any other fees authorized by law, a supplemental application fee of \$1000, which shall be deposited in the Temporary Worker Program Account established under section 286(y).”.

(b) CREATION OF BORDER SECURITY AND TEMPORARY WORKER ACCOUNT.—Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356), as amended by sections 302 and 403(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(y) BORDER SECURITY AND TEMPORARY WORKER ACCOUNT.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Border Security and Temporary Worker Account’.

“(2) DEPOSITS.—Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be de-

posited as offsetting receipts into the Border Security and Temporary Worker Account the supplemental application fee collected under section 240A(f).

“(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts deposited into the Border Security and Temporary Worker Account—

“(A) 75 percent shall be used to carry out titles I, II, and III of this Act, and the amendments made by such titles; and

“(B) 25 percent shall be used to carry out title VI of this Act, and the amendments made by such title.”.

**SA 3414.** Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 171, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

#### SEC. 234. DETENTION STANDARDS.

(a) CODIFICATION OF DETENTION OPERATIONS.—In order to ensure uniformity in the safety and security of all facilities used or contracted by the Secretary to hold alien detainees and to ensure the fair treatment and access to counsel of all alien detainees, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue the provisions of the Detention Operations Manual of the Department, including all amendments made to such Manual since it was issued in 2000, as regulations for the Department. Such regulations shall be subject to the notice and comment requirements of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) and shall apply to all facilities used by the Secretary to hold detainees for more than 72 hours.

(b) DETENTION STANDARDS FOR NUCLEAR FAMILY UNITS AND CERTAIN NON-CRIMINAL ALIENS.—For all facilities used or contracted by the Secretary to hold aliens, the regulations described in subsection (a) shall—

(1) provide for sight and sound separation of alien detainees without any criminal convictions from criminal inmates and pretrial detainees facing criminal prosecution; and

(2) establish specific standards for detaining nuclear family units together and for detaining non-criminal applicants for asylum, withholding of removal, or protection under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in civilian facilities cognizant of their special needs.

(c) LEGAL ORIENTATION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE REMOVAL PROCESS.—All alien detainees shall receive legal orientation presentations from an independent non-profit agency as implemented by the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice in order to both maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of removal proceedings and to reduce detention costs.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SA 3415.** Mr. CHAFEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:



**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DIASPORA RESEARCH NETWORK.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a grant program to be known as “Diaspora Research Network”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Diaspora Research Network is to—

(1) provide policy makers with systematic, comparative, and reliable data and expertise on diasporas;

(2) support efforts within diaspora communities to address self-identified concerns; and

(3) provide guidelines on how best to incorporate and account for diasporas in development, humanitarian assistance, and political strategies.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for the Diaspora Research Network, \$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

**SA 3416.** Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 156, strike lines 10 through 12 and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any alien with non-immigrant status under subparagraph (H)(i)(b) or (J) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), who seeks to practice medicine in the United States other than during participation in an accredited medical residency program, shall, during the 3-year period from the date of commencement of such status (or, in the case of an alien who initially practices medicine as part of such medical residency program, from the date of completion of such program), practice medicine in a facility that treats patients who reside in a Health Professional Shortage Area (as designated under section 5 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations) or a Medically Underserved Area (as designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services).

(b) EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Section 214(g)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(5)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) practices medicine in a facility that treats patients who reside in a Health Professional Shortage Area or a Medically Underserved Area, in accordance with section 226(a) of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.”.

(c) EXTENSION OF WAIVER PROGRAM.—Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and before June 1, 2006.”.

**SA 3417.** Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PEACE GARDEN PASS.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458), the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, shall develop

a travel document (referred to in this section as the “Peace Garden Pass”) to allow citizens and nationals of the United States to travel to the International Peace Garden.

(b) ADMITTANCE.—The Peace Garden Pass shall be issued to, and shall authorize the admittance of, any person who enters the International Peace Garden from the United States and exits the International Peace Garden into the United States without having been granted entry into Canada.

(c) IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary, shall—

(1) determine what form of identification (other than a passport, passport card, or similar alternative to a passport) will be required to be presented by individuals applying for the Peace Garden Pass; and

(2) ensure that cards are only issued to—

(A) individuals providing the identification required under paragraph (1); or

(B) individuals under 18 years of age who are accompanied by an individual described in subparagraph (A).

(d) LIMITATION.—The Peace Garden Pass shall not grant entry into Canada.

(e) DURATION.—Each Peace Garden Pass shall be valid for a period not to exceed 14 days. The actual period of validity shall be determined by the issuer depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant and shall be clearly indicated on the pass.

(f) COST.—The Secretary may not charge a fee for the issuance of a Peace Garden Pass.

**SA 3418.** Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Initial Entry, Adjustment, and Citizenship Assistance Grant Act of 2006”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to establish a grant program within the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services that provides funding to community-based organizations, including community-based legal service organizations, as appropriate, to develop and implement programs to assist eligible applicants for the conditional nonimmigrant worker program established under this Act by providing them with the services described in subsection (d)(2).

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The term “community-based organization” means a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, including a faith-based organization, whose staff has experience and expertise in meeting the legal, social, educational, cultural educational, or cultural needs of immigrants, refugees, persons granted asylum, or persons applying for such statuses.

(2) IEACA GRANT.—The term “IEACA grant” means an Initial Entry, Adjustment, and Citizenship Assistance Grant authorized under subsection (d).

(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIAL ENTRY, ADJUSTMENT, AND CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, working through the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, may award IEACA grants to community-based organizations.

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this section may be used for the design and implementation of programs to provide the following services:

(A) INITIAL APPLICATION.—Assistance and instruction, including legal assistance, to aliens making initial application for treatment under the program established by section 218D of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 601. Such assistance may include assisting applicants in—

(i) screening to assess prospective applicants’ potential eligibility or lack of eligibility;

(ii) filling out applications;

(iii) gathering proof of identification, employment, residence, and tax payment;

(iv) gathering proof of relationships of eligible family members;

(v) applying for any waivers for which applicants and qualifying family members may be eligible; and

(vi) any other assistance that the Secretary or grantee considers useful to aliens who are interested in filing applications for treatment under such section 218D.

(B) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Assistance and instruction, including legal assistance, to aliens seeking to adjust their status in accordance with section 245 or 245B of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(C) CITIZENSHIP.—Assistance and instruction to applicants on—

(i) the rights and responsibilities of United States Citizenship;

(ii) English as a second language;

(iii) civics; or

(iv) applying for United States citizenship.

(3) DURATION AND RENEWAL.—

(A) DURATION.—Each grant awarded under this section shall be awarded for a period of not more than 3 years.

(B) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew any grant awarded under this section in 1-year increments.

(4) APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.—Each entity desiring an IEACA grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require.

(5) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—A community-based organization applying for a grant under this section to provide services described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)(iv) of paragraph (2) may not receive such a grant unless the organization is—

(A) recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals under section 292.2 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations; or

(B) otherwise directed by an attorney.

(6) SELECTION OF GRANTEES.—Grants awarded under this section shall be awarded on a competitive basis.

(7) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall approve applications under this section in a manner that ensures, to greatest extent practicable, that—

(A) not less than 50 percent of the funding for grants under this section are awarded to programs located in the 10 States with the highest percentage of foreign-born residents; and

(B) not less than 20 percent of the funding for grants under this section are awarded to programs located in States that are not described in subparagraph (A).

(8) ETHNIC DIVERSITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that community-based organizations receiving grants under this section provide services to an ethnically diverse population, to the greatest extent possible.

(e) LIAISON BETWEEN USCIS AND GRANTEES.—The Secretary shall establish a liaison between the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and the community of providers of services under this section to assure quality control, efficiency, and greater client willingness to come forward.

(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of



this Act, and each subsequent July 1, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress that includes information regarding—

(1) the status of the implementation of this section;

(2) the grants issued pursuant to this section; and

(3) the results of those grants.

(g) SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

(1) APPLICATION FEES.—The Secretary may use funds made available under sections 218A(1)(2) and 218D(f)(4)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by this Act, to carry out this section.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED.—In addition to the amounts made available under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall remain available until expended.

(h) DISTRIBUTION OF FEES AND FINES.—

(1) H-2C VISA FEES.—Notwithstanding section 218A(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 403, 2 percent of the fees collected under section 218A of such Act shall be made available for grants under the Initial Entry, Adjustment, and Citizenship Assistance Grant Program established under this section.

(2) CONDITIONAL NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEES AND FINES.—Notwithstanding section 218D(f)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 601, 2 percent of the fees and fines collected under section 218D of such Act shall be made available for grants under the Initial Entry, Adjustment, and Citizenship Assistance Grant Program established under this section.

**SA 3419.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

#### **Sec. . SUFFICIENCY FOR REVENUE FOR ENFORCEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any fee or penalty required to be paid pursuant to this Act or an amendment made by this Act, shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury to be available to the Secretary to implement the provisions of this Act without further appropriations and shall remain available until expended.

**SA 3420.** Mr. SESSIONS proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; as follows:

In the bill, strike all after the word “SECTION” and insert the following:

#### **1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Securing America’s Borders Act”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Reference to the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

#### **TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

##### **Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders**

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Sec. 127. Cancellation of visas.

Sec. 128. Biometric entry-exit system.

Sec. 129. Border study.

Sec. 130. Secure Border Initiative financial accountability.

#### **TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT**

Sec. 201. Removal and denial of benefits to terrorist aliens.

Sec. 202. Detention and removal of aliens ordered removed.

Sec. 203. Aggravated felony.

Sec. 204. Terrorist bars.

Sec. 205. Increased criminal penalties related to gang violence, removal, and alien smuggling.

Sec. 206. Illegal entry or unlawful presence of an alien.

Sec. 207. Illegal reentry.

Sec. 208. Reform of passport, visa, and immigration fraud offenses.

Sec. 209. Inadmissibility and removal for passport and immigration fraud offenses.

Sec. 210. Incarceration of criminal aliens.

Sec. 211. Encouraging aliens to depart voluntarily.

Sec. 212. Deterring aliens ordered removed from remaining in the United States unlawfully.

Sec. 213. Prohibition of the sale of firearms to, or the possession of firearms by certain aliens.

Sec. 214. Uniform statute of limitations for certain immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.

Sec. 215. Diplomatic security service.

Sec. 216. Field agent allocation and background checks.

Sec. 217. Denial of benefits to terrorists and criminals.

Sec. 218. State criminal alien assistance program.

Sec. 219. Transportation and processing of illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers.

Sec. 220. State and local law enforcement of Federal immigration laws.

Sec. 221. Reducing illegal immigration and alien smuggling on tribal lands.

Sec. 222. Alternatives to detention.

Sec. 223. Conforming amendment.

Sec. 224. Reporting requirements.

Sec. 225. Mandatory detention for aliens apprehended at or between ports of entry.

Sec. 226. Removal of drunk drivers.

Sec. 227. Expedited removal.

Sec. 228. Protecting immigrants from convicted sex offenders

Sec. 229. Law enforcement authority of States and political subdivisions and transfer to Federal custody.

Sec. 230. Listing of immigration violators in the National Crime Information Center database.

Sec. 231. Laundering of monetary instruments.

Sec. 232. Severability.

#### **TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

Sec. 301. Unlawful employment of aliens.

Sec. 302. Employer Compliance Fund.

Sec. 303. Additional worksite enforcement and fraud detection agents.

Sec. 304. Clarification of ineligibility for misrepresentation.

#### **TITLE IV—BACKLOG REDUCTION AND VISAS FOR STUDENTS AND ALIENS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES**

Sec. 401. Elimination of existing backlogs.

Sec. 402. Country limits.

Sec. 403. Allocation of immigrant visas.

Sec. 404. Relief for minor children.

Sec. 405. Student visas.

Sec. 406. Visas for individuals with advanced degrees.

Sec. 407. Medical services in underserved areas.

#### **TITLE V—IMMIGRATION LITIGATION REDUCTION**

Sec. 501. Consolidation of immigration appeals.

Sec. 502. Additional immigration personnel.

Sec. 503. Board of immigration appeals removal order authority.

Sec. 504. Judicial review of visa revocation.

Sec. 505. Reinstatement of removal orders.

Sec. 506. Withholding of removal.

Sec. 507. Certificate of reviewability.

Sec. 508. Discretionary decisions on motions to reopen or reconsider.

Sec. 509. Prohibition of attorney fee awards for review of final orders of removal.

Sec. 510. Board of Immigration Appeals.

#### **TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

Sec. 601. Technical and conforming amendments.

#### **SEC. 2. REFERENCE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

#### **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### **TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

##### **Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders**

#### **SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

(a) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—

(1) CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICERS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 250 the number of positions for full-time active duty Customs and Border Protection officers.

(2) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 250



the number of positions for full-time active duty port of entry inspectors and provide appropriate training, equipment, and support to such additional inspectors.

(3) **BORDER PATROL AGENT.**—Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended—

(A) by striking “2010” both places it appears and inserting “2011”; and

(B) by striking “2,000” and inserting “2,400”.

(4) **INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.**—

(A) **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS.**—Section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “800” and inserting “1000”.

(B) **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.**—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, as amended by subparagraph (A), during each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 200 the number of positions for personnel within the Department assigned to investigate alien smuggling.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICERS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1) of subsection (a).

(2) **PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (2) of subsection (a).

(3) **BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734), as amended by subsection (a)(3).

**SEC. 102. TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.**

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) **INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.**—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land borders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance of the international land borders of the United States and assessment of the risks to citizens of the United States and foreign policy interests associated with the use of such equipment;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (b) to increase the use of Department of Defense

equipment to assist such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by the Secretary of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the report.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

(e) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed as altering or amending the prohibition on the use of any part of the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus under section 1385 of title 18, United States Code.

**SEC. 103. INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct all-weather roads and acquire additional vehicle barriers and facilities necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

**SEC. 104. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.**

The Secretary may maintain temporary or permanent checkpoints on roadways in border patrol sectors that are located in proximity to the international border between the United States and Mexico.

**SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land borders of the United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.**

(a) **TUCSON SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 25 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) **YUMA SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall immediately commence con-

struction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### **Subtitle B—Border Security Plans, Strategies, and Reports**

**SEC. 111. SURVEILLANCE PLAN.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of existing technologies employed on the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(2) A description of the compatibility of new surveillance technologies with surveillance technologies in use by the Secretary on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) A description of how the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department is working, or is expected to work, with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department to identify and test surveillance technology.

(4) A description of the specific surveillance technology to be deployed.

(5) Identification of any obstacles that may impede such deployment.

(6) A detailed estimate of all costs associated with such deployment and with continued maintenance of such technologies.

(7) A description of how the Secretary is working with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on safety and airspace control issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan required by this section.

**SEC. 112. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BORDER SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a National Strategy for Border Security that describes actions to be carried out to achieve operational control over all ports of entry into the United States and the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall include the following:

(1) The implementation schedule for the comprehensive plan for systematic surveillance described in section 111.

(2) An assessment of the threat posed by terrorists and terrorist groups that may try to infiltrate the United States at locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(3) A risk assessment for all United States ports of entry and all portions of the international land and maritime borders of the United States that includes a description of activities being undertaken—

(A) to prevent the entry of terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism,



narcotics, and other contraband into the United States; and

(B) to protect critical infrastructure at or near such ports of entry or borders.

(4) An assessment of the legal requirements that prevent achieving and maintaining operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(5) An assessment of the most appropriate, practical, and cost-effective means of defending the international land and maritime borders of the United States against threats to security and illegal transit, including intelligence capacities, technology, equipment, personnel, and training needed to address security vulnerabilities.

(6) An assessment of staffing needs for all border security functions, taking into account threat and vulnerability information pertaining to the borders and the impact of new security programs, policies, and technologies.

(7) A description of the border security roles and missions of Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal authorities, and recommendations regarding actions the Secretary can carry out to improve coordination with such authorities to enable border security and enforcement activities to be carried out in a more efficient and effective manner.

(8) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, personal property rights, and civil liberties, including an assessment of efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims, unaccompanied minor aliens, and other vulnerable populations.

(9) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(10) A description of ways to ensure that the free flow of travel and commerce is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(11) An assessment of additional detention facilities and beds that are needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

(12) A description of the performance metrics to be used to ensure accountability by the bureaus of the Department in implementing such Strategy.

(13) A schedule for the implementation of the security measures described in such Strategy, including a prioritization of security measures, realistic deadlines for addressing the security and enforcement needs, an estimate of the resources needed to carry out such measures, and a description of how such resources should be allocated.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the National Strategy for Border Security, the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

(1) State, local, and tribal authorities with responsibility for locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and

(2) appropriate private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and affected communities that have expertise in areas related to border security.

(d) COORDINATION.—The National Strategy for Border Security shall be consistent with the National Strategy for Maritime Security developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 13, dated December 21, 2004.

(e) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

Secretary shall submit to Congress the National Strategy for Border Security.

(2) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress any update of such Strategy that the Secretary determines is necessary, not later than 30 days after such update is developed.

(f) IMMEDIATE ACTION.—Nothing in this section or section 111 may be construed to relieve the Secretary of the responsibility to take all actions necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

#### SEC. 113. REPORTS ON IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a report on improving the exchange of information related to the security of North America.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of the following:

(1) SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.—The progress made toward the development of common enrollment, security, technical, and biometric standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of secure documents, including—

(A) technical and biometric standards based on best practices and consistent with international standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of travel documents, including—

- (i) passports;
- (ii) visas; and
- (iii) permanent resident cards;

(B) working with Canada and Mexico to encourage foreign governments to enact laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking, and laws to forbid the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents and to promote information sharing;

(C) applying the necessary pressures and support to ensure that other countries meet proper travel document standards and are committed to travel document verification before the citizens of such countries travel internationally, including travel by such citizens to the United States; and

(D) providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with visa and travel documents.

(2) IMMIGRATION AND VISA MANAGEMENT.—The progress of efforts to share information regarding high-risk individuals who may attempt to enter Canada, Mexico, or the United States, including the progress made—

(A) in implementing the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing, signed by Canada and the United States in February 2003; and

(B) in identifying trends related to immigration fraud, including asylum and document fraud, and to analyze such trends.

(3) VISA POLICY COORDINATION AND IMMIGRATION SECURITY.—The progress made by Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance the security of North America by cooperating on visa policy and identifying best practices regarding immigration security, including the progress made—

(A) in enhancing consultation among officials who issue visas at the consulates or embassies of Canada, Mexico, or the United States throughout the world to share information, trends, and best practices on visa flows;

(B) in comparing the procedures and policies of Canada and the United States related to visitor visa processing, including—

- (i) application process;
- (ii) interview policy;
- (iii) general screening procedures;
- (iv) visa validity;
- (v) quality control measures; and
- (vi) access to appeal or review;

(C) in exploring methods for Canada, Mexico, and the United States to waive visa requirements for nationals and citizens of the same foreign countries;

(D) in providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with immigration violators;

(E) in developing and implementing an immigration security strategy for North America that works toward the development of a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance automated reporting and risk targeting of international passengers;

(F) in sharing information on lost and stolen passports on a real-time basis among immigration or law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(G) in collecting 10 fingerprints from each individual who applies for a visa.

(4) NORTH AMERICAN VISITOR OVERSTAY PROGRAM.—The progress made by Canada and the United States in implementing parallel entry-exit tracking systems that, while respecting the privacy laws of both countries, share information regarding third country nationals who have overstayed their period of authorized admission in either Canada or the United States.

(5) TERRORIST WATCH LISTS.—The progress made in enhancing the capacity of the United States to combat terrorism through the coordination of counterterrorism efforts, including the progress made—

(A) in developing and implementing bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States and between Mexico and the United States to govern the sharing of terrorist watch list data and to comprehensively enumerate the uses of such data by the governments of each country;

(B) in establishing appropriate linkages among Canada, Mexico, and the United States Terrorist Screening Center; and

(C) in exploring with foreign governments the establishment of a multilateral watch list mechanism that would facilitate direct coordination between the country that identifies an individual as an individual included on a watch list, and the country that owns such list, including procedures that satisfy the security concerns and are consistent with the privacy and other laws of each participating country.

(6) MONEY LAUNDERING, CURRENCY SMUGGLING, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.—The progress made in improving information sharing and law enforcement cooperation in combating organized crime, including the progress made—

(A) in combating currency smuggling, money laundering, alien smuggling, and trafficking in alcohol, firearms, and explosives;

(B) in implementing the agreement between Canada and the United States known as the Firearms Trafficking Action Plan;

(C) in determining the feasibility of formulating a firearms trafficking action plan between Mexico and the United States;

(D) in developing a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Canada and the United States;

(E) in determining the feasibility of formulating a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Mexico and the United States;



(F) in developing mechanisms to exchange information on findings, seizures, and capture of individuals transporting undeclared currency; and

(G) in developing and implementing a plan to combat the transnational threat of illegal drug trafficking.

(7) **LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION.**—The progress made in enhancing law enforcement cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and the United States through enhanced technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with known and suspected criminals or terrorists, including exploring the formation of law enforcement teams that include personnel from the United States and Mexico, and appropriate procedures for such teams.

**SEC. 114. IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.**

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall work to cooperate with the head of Foreign Affairs Canada and the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico to establish a program—

(1) to assess the specific needs of Guatemala and Belize in maintaining the security of the international borders of such countries;

(2) to use the assessment made under paragraph (1) to determine the financial and technical support needed by Guatemala and Belize from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to meet such needs;

(3) to provide technical assistance to Guatemala and Belize to promote issuance of secure passports and travel documents by such countries; and

(4) to encourage Guatemala and Belize—  
(A) to control alien smuggling and trafficking;

(B) to prevent the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents; and

(C) to share relevant information with Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

(b) **BORDER SECURITY FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall work to cooperate—

(1) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Guatemala and the Government of Belize to provide law enforcement assistance to Guatemala and Belize that specifically addresses immigration issues to increase the ability of the Government of Guatemala to dismantle human smuggling organizations and gain additional control over the international border between Guatemala and Belize; and

(2) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Belize, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Mexico, and the governments of neighboring contiguous countries to establish a program to provide needed equipment, technical assistance, and vehicles to manage, regulate, and patrol the international borders between Mexico and Guatemala and between Mexico and Belize.

(c) **TRACKING CENTRAL AMERICAN GANGS.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work to cooperate with the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Belize, and the governments of other Central American countries—

(1) to assess the direct and indirect impact on the United States and Central America of deporting violent criminal aliens;

(2) to establish a program and database to track individuals involved in Central American gang activities;

(3) to develop a mechanism that is acceptable to the governments of Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and other

appropriate countries to notify such a government if an individual suspected of gang activity will be deported to that country prior to the deportation and to provide support for the reintegration of such deportees into that country; and

(4) to develop an agreement to share all relevant information related to individuals connected with Central American gangs.

**Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives**  
**SEC. 121. BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**

Not later than September 1, 2007, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the Automated Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (IDENT) of the Department and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure more expeditious data searches; and

(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all fingerprints from each alien required to provide fingerprints during the alien's initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a).

**SEC. 122. SECURE COMMUNICATION.**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as practicable, develop and implement a plan to improve the use of satellite communications and other technologies to ensure clear and secure 2-way communication capabilities—

(1) among all Border Patrol agents conducting operations between ports of entry;

(2) between Border Patrol agents and their respective Border Patrol stations;

(3) between Border Patrol agents and residents in remote areas along the international land borders of the United States; and

(4) between all appropriate border security agencies of the Department and State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

**SEC. 123. BORDER PATROL TRAINING CAPACITY REVIEW.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the basic training provided to Border Patrol agents by the Secretary to ensure that such training is provided as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

(b) **COMPONENTS OF REVIEW.**—The review under subsection (a) shall include the following components:

(1) An evaluation of the length and content of the basic training curriculum provided to new Border Patrol agents by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, including a description of how such curriculum has changed since September 11, 2001, and an evaluation of language and cultural diversity training programs provided within such curriculum.

(2) A review and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train 1 new Border Patrol agent.

(3) A comparison, based on the review and breakdown under paragraph (2), of the costs, effectiveness, scope, and quality, including geographic characteristics, with other similar training programs provided by State and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and the private sector.

(4) An evaluation of whether utilizing comparable non-Federal training programs, proficiency testing, and long-distance learning programs may affect—

(A) the cost-effectiveness of increasing the number of Border Patrol agents trained per year;

(B) the per agent costs of basic training; and

(C) the scope and quality of basic training needed to fulfill the mission and duties of a Border Patrol agent.

**SEC. 124. US-VISIT SYSTEM.**

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a schedule for—

(1) equipping all land border ports of entry of the United States with the U.S.-Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) system implemented under section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a);

(2) developing and deploying at such ports of entry the exit component of the US-VISIT system; and

(3) making interoperable all immigration screening systems operated by the Secretary.

**SEC. 125. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.**

(a) **TRAINING.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the head of the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) **FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.**—The Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(c) **ASSESSMENT.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT.**—The Inspector General of the Department shall conduct an independent assessment of the accuracy and reliability of the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(2) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General shall submit to Congress the findings of the assessment required by paragraph (1).

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 126. IMPROVED DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in the heading, by striking “ENTRY AND EXIT DOCUMENTS” and inserting “TRAVEL AND ENTRY DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE OF STATUS”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the” and inserting “The”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” both places it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) **OTHER DOCUMENTS.**—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of an alien's status as an immigrant, nonimmigrant, parolee, asylee, or refugee, shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, and shall incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify electronically the identity and status of the alien.”.

**SEC. 127. CANCELLATION OF VISAS.**

Section 222(g) (8 U.S.C. 1202(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—



(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “and any other non-immigrant visa issued by the United States that is in the possession of the alien” after “such visa”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(other than the visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality” and inserting “(other than a visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality or foreign residence”.

#### SEC. 128. BIOMETRIC ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.

(a) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIENS DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES.—Section 215 (8 U.S.C. 1185) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (g);

(2) by moving subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (1), to the end; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to require aliens departing the United States to provide biometric data and other information relating to their immigration status.”.

(b) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA.—In conducting inspections under subsection (b), immigration officers are authorized to collect biometric data from—

“(A) any applicant for admission or alien seeking to transit through the United States; or

“(B) any lawful permanent resident who is entering the United States and who is not regarded as seeking admission pursuant to section 101(a)(13)(C).”.

(c) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIEN CREWMEN.—Section 252 (8 U.S.C. 1282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) An immigration officer is authorized to collect biometric data from an alien crewman seeking permission to land temporarily in the United States.”.

(d) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WITHOLDERS OF BIOMETRIC DATA.—Any alien who knowingly fails to comply with a lawful request for biometric data under section 215(c) or 235(d) is inadmissible.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine whether a ground for inadmissibility exists with respect to an alien described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(7) and may waive the application of such subparagraph for an individual alien or a class of aliens, at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 7208 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In fully implementing the automated biometric entry and exit data system under this section, the Secretary is not required to comply with the requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) or any other law relating to rulemaking, information collection, or publication in the Federal Register.”; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION AT ALL LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to implement the automated biometric entry and exit data system at all land border ports of entry.”.

#### SEC. 129. BORDER STUDY.

(a) SOUTHERN BORDER STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall conduct a study on the construction of a system of physical barriers along the southern international land and maritime border of the United States. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system, including the identification of areas of high priority for the construction of such a system determined after consideration of factors including the amount of narcotics trafficking and the number of illegal immigrants apprehended in such areas;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of constructing such a system;

(3) an assessment of the international, national, and regional environmental impact of such a system, including the impact on zoning, global climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, and transboundary pollution;

(4) an assessment of the necessity for ports of entry along such a system;

(5) an assessment of the impact such a system would have on international trade, commerce, and tourism;

(6) an assessment of the effect of such a system on private property rights including issues of eminent domain and riparian rights;

(7) an estimate of the costs associated with building a barrier system, including costs associated with excavation, construction, and maintenance; and

(8) an assessment of the effect of such a system on Indian reservations and units of the National Park System.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study described in subsection (a).

#### SEC. 130. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the Department shall review each contract action relating to the Secure Border Initiative having a value of more than \$20,000,000, to determine whether each such action fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones, inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned business, and time lines. The Inspector General shall complete a review under this subsection with respect to each contract action—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of the initiation of the action; and

(2) upon the conclusion of the performance of the contract.

(b) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) ACTION.—If the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper conduct or wrongdoing in the course of conducting a contract review under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall, as expeditiously as practicable, refer information relating to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary, or to another appropriate official

of the Department, who shall determine whether to temporarily suspend the contractor from further participation in the Secure Border Initiative.

(2) REPORT.—Upon the completion of each review described in subsection (a), the Inspector General shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security a report containing the findings of the review, including findings regarding—

(A) cost overruns;

(B) significant delays in contract execution;

(C) lack of rigorous departmental contract management;

(D) insufficient departmental financial oversight;

(E) bundling that limits the ability of small businesses to compete; or

(F) other high risk business practices.

(c) REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the receipt of each report required under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall submit a report, to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, that describes—

(A) the findings of the report received from the Inspector General; and

(B) the steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address the problems identified in such report.

(2) CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.—Not later than 60 days after the initiation of each contract action with a company whose headquarters is not based in the United States, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, regarding the Secure Border Initiative.

(d) REPORTS ON UNITED STATES PORTS.—Not later than 30 days after receiving information regarding a proposed purchase of a contract to manage the operations of a United States port by a foreign entity, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the proposed purchase;

(2) any security concerns related to the proposed purchase; and

(3) the manner in which such security concerns have been addressed.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Office, to enable the Office to carry out this section—

(1) for fiscal year 2007, not less than 5 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year;

(2) for fiscal year 2008, not less than 6 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year; and

(3) for fiscal year 2009, not less than 7 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year.

#### TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT

#### SEC. 201. REMOVAL AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORIST ALIENS.

(a) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A)(v) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”.

(b) CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.—Section 240A(c)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking “inadmissible under” and inserting “described in”; and

(2) by striking “deportable under” and inserting “described in”.

(c) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—Section 240B(b)(1)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1229c(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)” and



inserting “described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a)”.

(d) **RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL.**—Section 241(b)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iv) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) the alien is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) (other than an alien described in section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(IV) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there are not reasonable grounds for regarding the alien as a danger to the security of the United States).”; and

(4) in the undesignated paragraph, by striking “For purposes of clause (iv), an alien who is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) shall be considered to be an alien with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the United States.”.

(e) **RECORD OF ADMISSION.**—Section 249 (8 U.S.C. 1259) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 249. RECORD OF ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1972.**

“A record of lawful admission for permanent residence may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, for any alien, as of the date of the approval of the alien’s application or, if entry occurred before July 1, 1924, as of the date of such entry if no such record is otherwise available, if the alien establishes that the alien—

“(1) is not described in section 212(a)(3)(E) or in section 212(a) (insofar as it relates to criminals, procurers, other immoral persons, subversives, violators of the narcotics laws, or smugglers of aliens);

“(2) entered the United States before January 1, 1972;

“(3) has resided in the United States continuously since such entry;

“(4) is a person of good moral character;

“(5) is not ineligible for citizenship; and

“(6) is not described in section 237(a)(4)(B).”.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.**—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to—

(A) any aliens in a removal, deportation, or exclusion proceeding pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) any act or condition constituting a ground for inadmissibility, excludability, or removal occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **AMENDMENTS.**—Section 241(a) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” the first place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) by striking “Attorney General” any other place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

“(i) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the expiration date of the stay of removal.”.

(ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) **EXTENSION OF PERIOD.**—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of

90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to—

“(i) make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order; or

“(ii) fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including failing to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspiring or acting to prevent the alien’s removal.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) **TOLLING OF PERIOD.**—If, at the time described in subparagraph (B), the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary under the authority of this Act, the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary lawfully transfers custody of the alien during the removal period to another Federal agency or to a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall recommence on the date on which the alien is returned to the custody of the Secretary.”;

(D) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administrative final order of removal, the Secretary, in the exercise of discretion, may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien’s conduct or activities, or to perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien—

“(i) to prevent the alien from absconding;

“(ii) for the protection of the community; or

“(iii) for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “removal period and, if released,” and inserting “removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien”;

(G) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (10); and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) **PAROLE.**—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien’s parole or the alien’s removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.

“(8) **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF ALIENS.**—The following procedures shall apply to an alien detained under this section:

“(A) **DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether an alien described in subparagraph (B) should be detained or released after the removal period in accordance with subparagraphs (C) and (E).

“(B) **ALIEN DESCRIBED.**—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States;

“(ii) has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the alien’s removal order;

“(iii) has cooperated fully with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and to carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for the alien’s departure; and

“(iv) has not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

“(C) **EVIDENCE.**—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary—

“(i) shall consider any evidence submitted by the alien;

“(ii) may consider any other evidence, including—

“(I) any information or assistance provided by the Department of State or other Federal agency; and

“(II) any other information available to the Secretary pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

“(D) **AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR 90 DAYS BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.**—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(E) **AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD.**—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized under subparagraph (D) until the alien is removed, if the Secretary—

“(i) determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

“(ii) certifies in writing—

“(I) in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety;

“(II) after receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, that the release of the alien would likely have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

“(III) based on information available to the Secretary (including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and regardless of the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), that there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States;

“(IV) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, and conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien—

“(AA) has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)(A)), or of 1 or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated felonies or such crimes, for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least 5 years; or

“(BB) has committed a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code, but not including a purely political offense) and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future; or

“(V) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, notwithstanding conditions of release designed to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and



“(bb) the alien has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)) for which the alien was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year.

“(F) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien pending a determination under subparagraph (E)(ii), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process identified in subparagraph (A) not later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(G) RENEWAL AND DELEGATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

“(i) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a certification under subparagraph (E)(ii) every 6 months, without limitation, after providing the alien with an opportunity to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary does not renew such certification, the Secretary shall release the alien, pursuant to subparagraph (H).

“(ii) DELEGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in subclause (II), (III), or (V) of subparagraph (E)(ii) to any employee reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iii) HEARING.—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General, provide for a hearing to make the determination described in subparagraph (E)(ii)(IV)(bb)(BB).

“(H) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary's discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

“(I) REDETENTION.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain any alien subject to a final removal order who has previously been released from custody if—

“(i) the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release;

“(ii) the alien fails to continue to satisfy the conditions described in subparagraph (B); or

“(iii) upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under subparagraph (E).

“(J) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(K) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FAIL TO COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall detain an alien until the alien makes all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order and to cooperate fully with the Secretary's efforts, if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States; and

“(ii)(I) and the alien faces a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed if the alien had not—

“(aa) failed or refused to make all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order;

“(bb) failed or refused to fully cooperate with the Secretary's efforts to establish the alien's identity and carry out the removal order, including the failure to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien's departure; or

“(cc) conspired or acted to prevent removal; or

“(II) the Secretary makes a certification as specified in subparagraph (E), or the renewal of a certification specified in subparagraph (G).

“(L) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT EFFECTED AN ENTRY.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall follow the guidelines established in section 241.4 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, when detaining aliens who have not effected an entry. The Secretary may decide to apply the review process outlined in this paragraph.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of any action or decision made pursuant to paragraph (6), (7), or (8) shall be available exclusively in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and nonstatutory) available to the alien as of right.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall apply to—

(i) any alien subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any act or condition occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) CRIMINAL DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(B) by inserting “(1)” before “If, after a hearing”;

(C) in subparagraphs (B) and (C), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

(D) by adding after subparagraph (C), as redesignated, the following:

“(2) Subject to rebuttal by the person, it shall be presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person—

“(A) is an alien; and

“(B)(i) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

“(ii) is the subject of a final order of removal; or

“(iii) has committed a felony offense under section 911, 922(g)(5), 1015, 1028, 1425, or 1426 of this title, chapter 75 or 77 of this title, or section 243, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1324, 1325, 1326, 2327, and 1328).”;

(2) in subsection (g)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) the person's immigration status; and”.

#### SEC. 203. AGGRAVATED FELONY.

Section 101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The term ‘aggravated felony’ means—” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including any provision providing an effective date), the term ‘aggravated felony’ applies to an offense described in this paragraph, whether in violation of Federal or State law and to such an offense in violation of the law of a foreign country, for which the term of imprisonment was completed within the previous 15 years, even if the length of the term of imprisonment is based on recidivist or

other enhancements and regardless of whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996, and means—”;

(2) in subparagraph (N), by striking “paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of”;

(3) in subparagraph (O), by striking “section 275(a) or 276 committed by an alien who was previously deported on the basis of a conviction for an offense described in another subparagraph of this paragraph” and inserting “section 275 or 276 for which the term of imprisonment is at least 1 year”;

(4) in subparagraph (U), by striking “an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense described in this paragraph” and inserting “aiding or abetting an offense described in this paragraph, or soliciting, counseling, procuring, commanding, or inducing another, attempting, or conspiring to commit such an offense”;

(5) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (U).

#### SEC. 204. TERRORIST BARS.

(a) DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4), as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Attorney General based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information”;

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))” and inserting the following: “, regardless of whether the crime was defined as an aggravated felony under subsection (a)(43) at the time of the conviction, unless—

“(A) the person completed the term of imprisonment and sentence not later than 10 years before the date of application; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this paragraph; or”;

(3) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (9), by striking “a finding that for other reasons such person is or was not of good moral character” and inserting the following: “a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. In determining an applicant's moral character, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General may take into consideration the applicant's conduct and acts at any time and are not limited to the period during which good moral character is required.”.

(b) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A petition may not be approved under this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could directly or indirectly result in the petitioner's denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner's lawful permanent resident status.”.

(c) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(2) CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS.—Section 216A(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS.—Section 310(c) (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security's final determination,” after “may”; and



(2) by adding at the end the following: "The petitioner shall have the burden of showing that the Secretary's denial of the application was contrary to law. Except in a proceeding under section 340, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction to determine, or to review a determination of the Secretary regarding, whether, for purposes of an application for naturalization, an alien—

"(1) is a person of good moral character;

"(2) understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States; or

"(3) is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States.".

(e) PERSONS ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY.—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) PERSONS ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY.—A person may not be naturalized if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, that the person was once an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4)."

(f) CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 318 (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended by striking "the Attorney General if" and all that follows and inserting: "the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court if there is pending against the applicant any removal proceeding or other proceeding to determine the applicant's inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicant's lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced. The findings of the Attorney General in terminating removal proceedings or canceling the removal of an alien under this Act shall not be deemed binding in any way upon the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the question of whether such person has established eligibility for naturalization in accordance with this title."

(g) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.—Section 336(b) (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE DISTRICT COURT.—If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews required under such section, the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. Such district court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter to the Secretary of Homeland Security for the Secretary's determination on the application."

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act;

(2) shall apply to any act that occurred before, on, or after such date of enactment; and

(3) shall apply to any application for naturalization or any other case or matter under the immigration laws pending on, or filed after, such date of enactment.

#### SEC. 205. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO GANG VIOLENCE, REMOVAL, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.

(a) CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—

(1) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (J); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

"(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the

application of this subparagraph, any alien who a consular officer, the Attorney General, or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows or has reason to believe—

"(i) is, or has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

"(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is inadmissible."

(2) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe—

"(i) is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

"(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is deportable."

(3) TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Section 244 (8 U.S.C. 1254a) is amended—

(A) by striking "Attorney General" each place it appears and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security";

(B) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, for any reason (including national security), terminate or modify any designation under this section. Such termination or modification is effective upon publication in the Federal Register, or after such time as the Secretary may designate in the Federal Register.";

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking "a period of 12 or 18 months" and inserting "any other period not to exceed 18 months";

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking "The amount of any such fee shall not exceed \$50.";

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking "or" at the end;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting "or"; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

"(iii) the alien is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code)."; and

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: "The Secretary of Homeland Security may detain an alien provided temporary protected status under this section whenever appropriate under any other provision of law."

(b) PENALTIES RELATED TO REMOVAL.—Section 243 (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "212(a) or" after "section"; and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking "or imprisoned not more than four years" and inserting "and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years"; and

(ii) by striking "or both";

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both" and inserting "under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years (or for not more than 10 years if the alien is a member of any of the classes described in paragraphs (1)(E), (2), (3), and (4) of section 237(a))"; and

(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) DENYING VISAS TO NATIONALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING ALIEN.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after making a determination that the government of a foreign country has denied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country after the alien has been ordered removed, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, may instruct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to any citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country until the country accepts the alien that was ordered removed."

(c) ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 274 (8 U.S.C. 1324), is amended to read as follows:

#### "SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.

"(a) CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.—

"(1) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), a person shall be punished as provided under paragraph (2), if the person—

"(A) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, or cross the border to the United States;

"(B) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien and regardless of whether such alien has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States;

"(C) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from 1 country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the alien is seeking to enter the United States without official permission or legal authority;

"(D) encourages or induces a person to reside or remain in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in or remain in the United States;

"(E) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, if the transportation or movement will further the alien's illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

"(F) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States; or

"(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

"(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—A person who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—



“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) if the violation is the offender’s first violation under this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(ii) if the violation is the offender’s second or subsequent violation of this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 3 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(C) if the offense furthered or aided the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(D) shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both, if the offense created a substantial and foreseeable risk of death, a substantial and foreseeable risk of serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code), or inhumane conditions to another person, including—

“(i) transporting the person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting the person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting the person in, harboring the person in, or otherwise subjecting the person to crowded or dangerous conditions;

“(E) if the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code) to any person, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 7 years or more than 30 years, or both;

“(F) shall be fined under such title and imprisoned for not less than 10 years or more than 30 years if the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in terrorist activity;

“(G) if the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for a term of years not less than 10 years and up to life, and fined under title 18, United States Code.

“(3) LIMITATION.—It is not a violation of subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(A) for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses, provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the denomination for at least 1 year; or

“(B) for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered, provided that such assistance is rendered without

compensation or the expectation of compensation.

“(4) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES.—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly employs 10 or more individuals with actual knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the individuals are aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) DEFINITION.—An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3));

“(B) is present in the United States without lawful authority; and

“(C) has been brought into the United States in violation of this subsection.

“(c) SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any real or personal property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.—In determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, prima facie evidence that an alien involved in the alleged violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided in, remained in, or been present in the United States in violation of law shall include—

“(A) any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien’s status or lack of status made by a Federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under Federal immigration law;

“(B) official records of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien’s status or lack of status; and

“(C) testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien’s status or lack of status.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO ARREST.—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except—

“(1) officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class; and

“(2) other officers responsible for the enforcement of Federal criminal laws.

“(e) ADMISSIBILITY OF VIDEOTAPED WITNESS TESTIMONY.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped or otherwise audiovisually preserved deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if—

“(1) the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition by the party, if

any, opposing admission of the testimony; and

“(2) the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall—

“(A) develop and implement an outreach program to educate people in and out of the United States about the penalties for bringing in and harboring aliens in violation of this section; and

“(B) establish the American Local and Interior Enforcement Needs (ALIEN) Task Force to identify and respond to the use of Federal, State, and local transportation infrastructure to further the trafficking of unlawful aliens within the United States.

“(2) FIELD OFFICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after consulting with State and local government officials, shall establish such field offices as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.—An alien is deemed to have crossed the border into the United States regardless of whether the alien is free from official restraint.

“(2) LAWFUL AUTHORITY.—The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or accompanying regulations. The term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law or authority sought, but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States if such coming to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(3) PROCEEDS.—The term ‘proceeds’ includes any property or interest in property obtained or retained as a consequence of an act or omission in violation of this section.

“(4) UNLAWFUL TRANSIT.—The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present or any country from which the alien is traveling or moving.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 274 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”

(d) PROHIBITING CARRYING OR USING A FIREARM DURING AND IN RELATION TO AN ALIEN SMUGGLING CRIME.—Section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “any crime of violence”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “such crime of violence”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “crime of violence”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘alien smuggling crime’ means any felony punishable under section 274(a), 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a), 1327, and 1328).”

SEC. 206. ILLEGAL ENTRY OR UNLAWFUL PRESENCE OF AN ALIEN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 275 (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended to read as follows:



**“SEC. 275. ILLEGAL ENTRY OR UNLAWFUL PRESENCE OF AN ALIEN.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSES.—An alien shall be subject to the penalties set forth in paragraph (2) if the alien—

“(A) knowingly enters or crosses the border into the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(B) knowingly eludes examination or inspection by an immigration officer;

“(C) knowingly enters or crosses the border to the United States by means of a knowingly false or misleading representation or the knowing concealment of a material fact; or

“(D) is otherwise present in the United States, knowing that such presence violates the terms and conditions of any admission, parole, immigration status, or authorized stay granted the alien under this Act.

“(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall, for the first violation, be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

“(B) shall, for a second or subsequent violation, or following an order of voluntary departure, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both;

“(C) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors or for a felony, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(D) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; and

“(E) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (2) are elements of the offenses described in that paragraph and the penalties in such subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(A) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(B) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(4) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—An offense under this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by an immigration officer.

“(b) IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE; CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who is apprehended while entering, attempting to enter, or knowingly crossing or attempting to cross the border to the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be subject to a civil penalty, in addition to any criminal or other civil penalties that may be imposed under any other provision of law, in an amount equal to—

“(A) not less than \$50 or more than \$250 for each such entry, crossing, attempted entry, or attempted crossing; or

“(B) twice the amount specified in paragraph (1) if the alien had previously been subject to a civil penalty under this subsection.

“(2) CROSSED THE BORDER DEFINED.—In this section, an alien is deemed to have crossed the border if the act was voluntary, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 275 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 275. Illegal entry or unlawful presence of an alien.”

**SEC. 207. ILLEGAL REENTRY.**

Section 276 (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 276. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.**

“(a) REENTRY AFTER REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

“(b) REENTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.—Notwithstanding the penalty provided in subsection (a), if an alien described in that subsection—

“(1) was convicted for 3 or more misdemeanors or a felony before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(2) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

“(3) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;

“(4) was convicted for 3 felonies before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(5) was convicted, before such removal or departure, for murder, rape, kidnaping, or a felony offense described in chapter 77 (relating to peonage and slavery) or 113B (relating to terrorism) of such title, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) REENTRY AFTER REPEATED REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subsection (b) are elements of the crimes described in that subsection, and the penalties in that subsection shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(1) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(2) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that—

“(1) prior to the alleged violation, the alien had sought and received the express consent of the Secretary of Homeland Security to re-apply for admission into the United States; or

“(2) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, the alien—

“(A) was not required to obtain such advance consent under the Immigration and Nationality Act or any prior Act; and

“(B) had complied with all other laws and regulations governing the alien's admission into the United States.

“(f) LIMITATION ON COLLATERAL ATTACK ON UNDERLYING REMOVAL ORDER.—In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of any prior removal order concerning the alien unless the alien demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that—

“(1) the alien exhausted all administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;

“(2) the removal proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and

“(3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

“(g) REENTRY OF ALIEN REMOVED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.—Any alien removed pursuant to section 241(a)(4) who enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in, the United States shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release unless the alien affirmatively demonstrates that the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien's reentry. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of removed aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

“(h) LIMITATION.—It is not aiding and abetting a violation of this section for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered, provided that such assistance is rendered without compensation or the expectation of compensation.

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSES THE BORDER.—The term ‘crosses the border’ applies if an alien acts voluntarily, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.

“(2) FELONY.—Term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(3) MISDEMEANOR.—The term ‘misdemeanor’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year under the applicable laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) REMOVAL.—The term ‘removal’ includes any denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal, or any agreement by which an alien stipulates or agrees to exclusion, deportation, or removal.

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”

**SEC. 208. REFORM OF PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 75—PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD**

“Sec.

“1541. Trafficking in passports.

“1542. False statement in an application for a passport.

“1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport.

“1544. Misuse of a passport.

“1545. Schemes to defraud aliens.

“1546. Immigration and visa fraud.



"1547. Marriage fraud.

"1548. Attempts and conspiracies.

"1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses.

"1550. Seizure and forfeiture.

"1551. Additional jurisdiction.

"1552. Additional venue.

"1553. Definitions.

"1554. Authorized law enforcement activities.

#### "§ 1541. Trafficking in passports

"(a) MULTIPLE PASSPORTS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

"(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more passports;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more passports;

"(3) secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more passports, knowing the passports to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more applications for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), knowing the applications to contain any false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(b) PASSPORT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material used to make a passport shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### "§ 1542. False statement in an application for a passport

"Any person who knowingly—

"(1) makes any false statement or representation in an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation);

"(2) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation) knowing the application to contain any false statement or representation; or

"(3) causes or attempts to cause the production of a passport by means of any fraud or false application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), if such production occurs or would occur at a facility authorized by the Secretary of State for the production of passports,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport

"(a) FORGERY.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any passport; or

"(2) knowingly transfers any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, or to have been produced or issued without lawful authority, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) UNLAWFUL PRODUCTION.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority—

"(1) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a passport in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance of the passport;

"(2) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a United States passport for or to any person not owing allegiance to the United States; or

"(3) transfers or furnishes a passport to a person for use when such person is not the person for whom the passport was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1544. Misuse of a passport

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly uses any passport issued or designed for the use of another;

"(2) knowingly uses any passport in violation of the conditions or restrictions therein contained, or in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance and use of the passport;

"(3) knowingly secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) knowingly violates the terms and conditions of any safe conduct duly obtained and issued under the authority of the United States,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) ENTRY; FRAUD.—Any person who knowingly uses any passport, knowing the passport to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, produced or issued without lawful authority, or issued or designed for the use of another—

"(1) to enter or to attempt to enter the United States; or

"(2) to defraud the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1545. Schemes to defraud aliens

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly executes a scheme or artifice, in connection with any matter that is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws, or any matter the offender claims or represents is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws—

"(1) to defraud any person, or

"(2) to obtain or receive from any person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, money or anything else of value,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who knowingly and falsely represents himself to be an attorney in any matter arising under Federal immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1546. Immigration and visa fraud

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly—

"(1) uses any immigration document issued or designed for the use of another;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any immigration document;

"(3) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits any immigration document knowing it to contain any materially false statement or representation;

"(4) secures, possesses, uses, transfers, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any immigration document knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority;

"(5) adopts or uses a false or fictitious name to evade or to attempt to evade the immigration laws; or

"(6) transfers or furnishes an immigration document to a person without lawful authority for use if such person is not the person for whom the immigration document was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

"(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more immigration documents;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more immigration documents;

"(3) secures, possesses, uses, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more immigration documents, knowing the immigration documents to be forged, counterfeited, altered, stolen, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more immigration documents knowing the documents to contain any materially false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(c) IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material, used to make an immigration document shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### "§ 1547. Marriage fraud

"(a) EVASION OR MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

"(2) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

"(A) in an application or document authorized by the immigration laws; or

"(B) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals),

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

"(b) MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly enters into 2 or more marriages for the purpose of evading any immigration law; or

"(2) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates 2 or more marriages designed or intended to evade any immigration law, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(c) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—Any person who knowingly establishes a commercial enterprise for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

"(d) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An offense under subsection (a) or (b) continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

"(2) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—An offense under subsection (c) continues until the fraudulent nature of commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer or other law enforcement officer.

#### "§ 1548. Attempts and conspiracies

"Any person who attempts or conspires to violate any section of this chapter shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completed a violation of that section.

#### "§ 1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses

"(a) TERRORISM.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

"(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331); or

"(2) with the intent to facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism,



shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 25 years, or both.

“(b) OFFENSE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year; or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1550. Seizure and forfeiture

“(a) FORFEITURE.—Any property, real or personal, used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of any section of this chapter, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General.

#### “§ 1551. Additional jurisdiction

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter.

“(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter outside the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter if—

“(1) the offense involves a United States immigration document (or any document purporting to be such a document) or any matter, right, or benefit arising under or authorized by Federal immigration laws;

“(2) the offense is in or affects foreign commerce;

“(3) the offense affects, jeopardizes, or poses a significant risk to the lawful administration of Federal immigration laws, or the national security of the United States;

“(4) the offense is committed to facilitate an act of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331) or a drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 929(a)(2)) that affects or would affect the national security of the United States;

“(5) the offender is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))) or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(20) of such Act); or

“(6) the offender is a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States.

#### “§ 1552. Additional venue

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offense under section 1542 may be prosecuted in—

“(1) any district in which the false statement or representation was made;

“(2) any district in which the passport application was prepared, submitted, mailed, received, processed, or adjudicated; or

“(3) in the case of an application prepared and adjudicated outside the United States, in the district in which the resultant passport was produced.

“(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the venue otherwise available under sections 3237 and 3238.

#### “§ 1553. Definitions

“As used in this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘falsely make’ means to prepare or complete an immigration document with knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the document—

“(A) contains a statement or representation that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent;

“(B) has no basis in fact or law; or

“(C) otherwise fails to state a fact which is material to the purpose for which the document was created, designed, or submitted.

“(2) The term a ‘false statement or representation’ includes a personation or an omission.

“(3) The term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) The term ‘immigration document’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any passport or visa; or

“(ii) any application, petition, affidavit, declaration, attestation, form, identification card, alien registration document, employment authorization document, border crossing card, certificate, permit, order, license, stamp, authorization, grant of authority, or other evidentiary document, arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States; and

“(B) includes any document, photograph, or other piece of evidence attached to or submitted in support of an immigration document.

“(5) The term ‘immigration laws’ includes—

“(A) the laws described in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

“(B) the laws relating to the issuance and use of passports; and

“(C) the regulations prescribed under the authority of any law described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) The term ‘immigration proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.

“(7) A person does not exercise ‘lawful authority’ if the person abuses or improperly exercises lawful authority the person otherwise holds.

“(8) The term ‘passport’ means a travel document attesting to the identity and nationality of the bearer that is issued under the authority of the Secretary of State, a foreign government, or an international organization; or any instrument purporting to be the same.

“(9) The term ‘produce’ means to make, prepare, assemble, issue, print, authenticate, or alter.

“(10) The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### “§ 1554. Authorized law enforcement activities

“Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an intelligence agency of the United States, or any activity authorized under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 933).”

“(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters in title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 75 and inserting the following:

“75. Passport, visa, and immigration fraud ..... 1541”.

#### SEC. 209. INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “, or” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after subclause (II) the following:

“(III) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 237(a)(3)(B)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) of a violation of any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to proceedings pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 210. INCARCERATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.

(a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) or shall develop and implement another program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary may extend the scope of the Program to all States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State may—

(1) hold an illegal alien for a period not to exceed 14 days after the completion of the alien’s State prison sentence to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody if the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until authorized employees of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

(c) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology, such as videoconferencing, shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make the Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as IDENT, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the participation of States in the Program and in any other program authorized under subsection (a).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the Program.

#### SEC. 211. ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240B (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may permit the



alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien's own expense under this subsection instead of being subject to proceedings under section 240.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Attorney General may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien's own expense under this subsection after the initiation of removal proceedings under section 240 and before the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 120 days. The Secretary may require an alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive the requirement to post a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will pose a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(vi) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(F) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a period exceeding 60 days” and inserting “any period in excess of 45 days”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.—Voluntary departure may only be granted as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review re-

lating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—In connection with the alien's agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) ADVISALS.—Agreements relating to voluntary departure granted during removal proceedings under section 240, or at the conclusion of such proceedings, shall be presented on the record before the immigration judge. The immigration judge shall advise the alien of the consequences of a voluntary departure agreement before accepting such agreement.

“(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including failure to timely post any required bond), the alien is—

“(i) ineligible for the benefits of the agreement;

“(ii) subject to the penalties described in subsection (d); and

“(iii) subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b).

“(B) EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.—If, after agreeing to voluntary departure, the alien files a timely appeal of the immigration judge's decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien's voluntary departure agreement and the consequences of such agreement, but precludes the alien from another grant of voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.

“(5) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary in writing in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien's obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”;

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an alien is permitted to voluntarily depart under this section and fails to voluntarily depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the alien will be subject to the following penalties:

“(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—The alien shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000. The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record. If the Secretary thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law. An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this chapter until this civil penalty is paid.

“(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—The alien shall be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien's departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249. The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily shall inform

the alien of the penalties under this subsection.

“(3) REOPENING.—The alien shall be ineligible to reopen the final order of removal that took effect upon the alien's failure to depart, or upon the alien's other violations of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2). This paragraph does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the order granting voluntary departure in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”; and

(5) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) ELIGIBILITY.—

“(1) PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—An alien shall not be permitted to voluntarily depart under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsections (a)(2) or (b) of this section for any class or classes of aliens.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D) of this Act, sections 1361, 1651, and 2241 of title 28, United States Code, any other habeas corpus provision, and any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”;

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c(d)).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(6) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is filed on or after such date.

#### SEC. 212. DETERRING ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED FROM REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES UNLAWFULLY.

(a) INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—Section 212(a)(9)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such removal (or within 20 years)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 5 years after the date of the alien's removal (or not later than 20 years after the alien's removal”;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien's departure or removal (or within 20 years of)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 10 years after the date of the



alien's departure or removal (or not later than 20 years after".

(b) **BAR ON DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.**—Section 274D (9 U.S.C. 324d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "Commissioner" and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(c) **INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Unless a timely motion to reopen is granted under section 240(c)(6), an alien described in subsection (a) shall be ineligible for any discretionary relief from removal (including cancellation of removal and adjustment of status) during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien's departure from the United States.

"(2) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

"(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the final order of removal in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

"(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection."

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to aliens who are subject to a final order of removal, whether the removal order was entered before, on, or after such date.

**SEC. 213. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO, OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN ALIENS.**

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "or" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "(y)(2)" and all that follows and inserting "(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));"; and

(2) in subsection (g)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "or" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "(y)(2)" and all that follows and inserting "(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));";

(3) in subsection (y)—

(A) in the header, by striking "ADMITTED UNDER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS" and inserting "IN A NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION";

(B) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

"(B) the term 'nonimmigrant classification' includes all classes of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), or otherwise described in the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of such Act).";

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa" and inserting "is in a nonimmigrant classification"; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking "Any individual who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)" and inserting "Any

alien in a nonimmigrant classification may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)(B)".

**SEC. 214. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PEONAGE OFFENSES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3291 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses**

"No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of any section of chapters 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship offenses), 75 (relating to passport, visa, and immigration offenses), or 77 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, for a violation of any criminal provision under section 243, 266, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1306, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 1328), or for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, unless the indictment is returned or the information filed not later than 10 years after the commission of the offense."

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3291 and inserting the following:

"3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses."

**SEC. 215. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.**

Section 2709(a)(1) of title 22, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(1) conduct investigations concerning—

"(A) illegal passport or visa issuance or use;

"(B) identity theft or document fraud affecting or relating to the programs, functions, and authorities of the Department of State;

"(C) violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and

"(D) Federal offenses committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code);"

**SEC. 216. FIELD AGENT ALLOCATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) **MINIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS IN STATES.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate to each State—

"(A) not fewer than 40 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to—

"(i) investigate immigration violations; and

"(ii) ensure the departure of all removable aliens; and

"(B) not fewer than 15 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to carry out immigration and naturalization adjudication functions.

"(2) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) for any State with a population of less than 2,000,000, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriate background and security checks, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be completed and assessed and any suspected or alleged fraud relating to the granting of any status (including the granting of adjustment of status), relief, protection from removal, or

other benefit under this Act shall be investigated and resolved before the Secretary or the Attorney General may—

"(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

"(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

"(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Secretary, the Attorney General, or any court."

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 217. DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 4 of title III (8 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**"SEC. 362. CONSTRUCTION.**

"(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any Federal agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

"(1) any alien described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of section 212(a)(3) or subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

"(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien's inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

"(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.

"(b) **DENIAL; WITHHOLDING.**—An official described in subsection (a) may deny or withhold (with respect to an alien described in subsection (a)(1)) or withhold pending resolution of the investigation, case, or law enforcement checks (with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a)) any such application, petition, status, or benefit on such basis."

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 361 the following:

"Sec. 362. Construction."

**SEC. 218. STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) **REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse States and units of local government for costs associated with processing undocumented criminal aliens through the criminal justice system, including—

- (1) indigent defense;
- (2) criminal prosecution;
- (3) autopsies;
- (4) translators and interpreters; and
- (5) courts costs.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out subsection (a).

(2) **COMPENSATION UPON REQUEST.**—Section 241(i)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) is amended to read as follows:

"(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry this subsection—

"(A) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007;

"(B) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

"(C) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and



“(D) \$950,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.”.

(c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 501 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 219. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide sufficient transportation and officers to take illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers into custody for processing at a Department of Homeland Security detention facility.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 220. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 287(g) (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If such training is provided by a State or political subdivision of a State to an officer or employee of such State or political subdivision of a State, the cost of such training (including applicable overtime costs) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The cost of any equipment required to be purchased under such written agreement and necessary to perform the functions under this subsection shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section.

**SEC. 221. REDUCING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ALIEN SMUGGLING ON TRIBAL LANDS.**

(a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary may award grants to Indian tribes with lands adjacent to an international border of the United States that have been adversely affected by illegal immigration.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used for—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) health care services;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) the preservation of cultural resources.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

- (1) describes the level of access of Border Patrol agents on tribal lands;
- (2) describes the extent to which enforcement of immigration laws may be improved by enhanced access to tribal lands;
- (3) contains a strategy for improving such access through cooperation with tribal authorities; and
- (4) identifies grants provided by the Department for Indian tribes, either directly or through State or local grants, relating to border security expenses.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 222. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.**

The Secretary shall conduct a study of—

- (1) the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring de-

vices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders;

(2) the effectiveness of the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program and the costs and benefits of expanding that program to all States; and

(3) other alternatives to detention, including—

- (A) release on an order of recognizance;
- (B) appearance bonds; and
- (C) electronic monitoring devices.

**SEC. 223. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

Section 101(a)(43)(P) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(P)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) which either is falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering a passport or instrument in violation of section 1543 of title 18, United States Code, or is described in section 1546(a) of such title (relating to document fraud) and (ii)” and inserting “which is described in chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, and”; and

(2) by inserting the following: “that is not described in section 1548 of such title (relating to increased penalties), and” after “first offense”.

**SEC. 224. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **CLARIFYING ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 265 (8 U.S.C. 1305) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “notify the Attorney General in writing” and inserting “submit written or electronic notification to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in a manner approved by the Secretary.”;

(B) by striking “the Attorney General may require by regulation” and inserting “the Secretary may require”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “If the alien is involved in proceedings before an immigration judge or in an administrative appeal of such proceedings, the alien shall submit to the Attorney General the alien’s current address and a telephone number, if any, at which the alien may be contacted.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “given to such parent” and inserting “given by such parent”; and

(4) by inserting at the end the following:

“(d) **ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary under paragraph (2), an address provided by an alien under this section shall be the alien’s current residential mailing address, and shall not be a post office box or other non-residential mailing address or the address of an attorney, representative, labor organization, or employer.

“(2) **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary may provide specific requirements with respect to—

“(A) designated classes of aliens and special circumstances, including aliens who are employed at a remote location; and

“(B) the reporting of address information by aliens who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local correctional facility.

“(3) **DETENTION.**—An alien who is being detained by the Secretary under this Act is not required to report the alien’s current address under this section during the time the alien remains in detention, but shall be required to notify the Secretary of the alien’s address under this section at the time of the alien’s release from detention.

“(e) **USE OF MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE ALIEN.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the appropriate coordination and cross referencing of address information pro-

vided by an alien under this section with other information relating to the alien’s address under other Federal programs, including—

“(A) any information pertaining to the alien, which is submitted in any application, petition, or motion filed under this Act with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Labor;

“(B) any information available to the Attorney General with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal or judicial review of such proceeding;

“(C) any information collected with respect to nonimmigrant foreign students or exchange program participants under section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372); and

“(D) any information collected from State or local correctional agencies pursuant to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

“(2) **RELIANCE.**—The Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under this section or section 264 to send to the alien any notice, form, document, or other matter pertaining to Federal immigration laws, including service of a notice to appear. The Attorney General and the Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under section 239(a)(1)(F) to contact the alien about pending removal proceedings.

“(3) **OBLIGATION.**—The alien’s provision of an address for any other purpose under the Federal immigration laws does not excuse the alien’s obligation to submit timely notice of the alien’s address to the Secretary under this section (or to the Attorney General under section 239(a)(1)(F) with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal of such proceeding).”.

(b) **CONFORMING CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**—Chapter 7 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 262(c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in section 263(a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(3) in section 264—

(A) in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General is authorized” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General are authorized”; and

(ii) by striking “Attorney General or the Service” and inserting “Secretary or the Attorney General”.

(c) **PENALTIES.**—Section 266 (8 U.S.C. 1306) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) **FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ALIEN’S CURRENT ADDRESS.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—Any alien or any parent or legal guardian in the United States of any minor alien who fails to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the alien’s current address in accordance with section 265 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) **EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION STATUS.**—Any alien who violates section 265 (regardless of whether the alien is punished under paragraph (1)) and does not establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful



shall be taken into custody in connection with removal of the alien. If the alien has not been inspected or admitted, or if the alien has failed on more than 1 occasion to submit notice of the alien's current address as required under section 265, the alien may be presumed to be a flight risk. The Secretary or the Attorney General, in considering any form of relief from removal which may be granted in the discretion of the Secretary or the Attorney General, may take into consideration the alien's failure to comply with section 265 as a separate negative factor. If the alien failed to comply with the requirements of section 265 after becoming subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, the alien's failure shall be considered as a strongly negative factor with respect to any discretionary motion for reopening or reconsideration filed by the alien.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or a notice of current address” before “containing statements”; and

(3) in subsections (c) and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to proceedings initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are effective as if enacted on March 1, 2003.

#### SEC. 225. MANDATORY DETENTION FOR ALIENS APPREHENDED AT OR BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on October 1, 2006, an alien who is attempting to illegally enter the United States and who is apprehended at a United States port of entry or along the international land or maritime border of the United States shall be detained until removed or a final decision granting admission has been determined, unless the alien—

(1) is permitted to withdraw an application for admission under section 235(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(a)(4)) and immediately departs from the United States pursuant to such section; or

(2) is paroled into the United States by the Secretary for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit in accordance with section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)).

(b) REQUIREMENTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2006, an alien described in subsection (a) may be released with a notice to appear only if—

(1) the Secretary determines, after conducting all appropriate background and security checks on the alien, that the alien does not pose a national security risk; and

(2) the alien provides a bond of not less than \$5,000.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) ASYLUM AND REMOVAL.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of an alien to apply for asylum or for relief or deferral of removal based on a fear of persecution.

(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.—The mandatory detention requirement in subsection (a) shall not apply to any alien who is a native or citizen of a country in the Western Hemisphere with whose government the United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

(3) DISCRETION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary, in the Secretary's sole

unreviewable discretion, to determine whether an alien described in clause (ii) of section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be detained or released after a finding of a credible fear of persecution (as defined in clause (v) of such section).

#### SEC. 226. REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(43)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(F)) is amended by inserting “, including a third drunk driving conviction, regardless of the States in which the convictions occurred or whether the offenses are classified as misdemeanors or felonies under State or Federal law,” after “offense”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to convictions entered before, on, or after such date.

#### SEC. 227. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien, whether or not admitted into the United States, was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act.”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

#### SEC. 228. PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

(a) IMMIGRANTS.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i) by striking “Any” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (viii), any”;

(2) in subparagraph (A) by inserting after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) Clause (i) shall not apply to a citizen of the United States who has been convicted of an offense described in section 101(a)(43)(A), section 101(a)(43)(I), or section 101(a)(43)(K), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the citizen poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in clause (i) is filed.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting the following: “(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), any alien”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Subclause (I) shall not apply in the case of an alien admitted for permanent residence who has been convicted of an offense described in section 101(a)(43)(A), section 101(a)(43)(I), or section 101(a)(43)(K), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in subclause (I) is filed.”.

(b) NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 101(a)(15)(K) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)), is amended by inserting “(other than a citizen described in section 204(a)(1)(A)(viii))” after “citizen of the United States” each place that phrase appears.

#### SEC. 229. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

#### “SEC. 240D. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF ALIENS TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision of a State have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody (including the transportation across State lines to detention centers) an alien for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the criminal provisions of the immigration laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

“(b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

“(c) TRANSFER.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State) exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security



that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an alien lawfully admitted to the United States or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States; and

“(B) if the individual is an alien who is not lawfully admitted to the United States or otherwise is not lawfully present in the United States, either—

“(i) not later than 72 hours after the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process, or if no State charging or dismissal process is required, not later than 72 hours after the illegal alien is apprehended, take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State or a political subdivision of a State for expenses, as verified by the Secretary of Homeland Security, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of an alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) The cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (c) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this subsection are held in facilities which provide an appropriate level of security, and that, where practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(f) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended aliens from the custody of those States and political subdivisions of States which routinely submit requests described in subsection (c) into Federal custody.

“(g) AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate

State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or where appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.”

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

#### SEC. 230. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.

(a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(3) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) (as amended by section 211(a)(1)(C)), subsection (b)(2) of such section 240B, or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States; or

(D) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in consultation with the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice, shall develop and implement a procedure by which an alien may petition the Secretary or head of the National Crime Information Center, as appropriate, to remove any erroneous information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien. Under such procedures, failure by the alien to receive notice of a violation of the immigration laws shall not constitute cause for removing information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien, unless such information is erroneous. Notwithstanding the 180 time period set forth in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not provide the information required under paragraph (1) until the procedures required by this paragraph are developed and implemented.

(b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States; and”.

#### SEC. 231. LAUNDERING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENTS.

Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “section 1590 (relating to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor),” after “section 1363 (relating to destruction of property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction),”; and

(2) by inserting “section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.1324(a)) (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens),” after “section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) (relating to aviation smuggling),”.

#### SEC. 232. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this title, any amendment made by this title, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder of this title, the amendments made by this title, and the application of the provisions of such to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected by such holding.

### TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS

#### SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

##### “SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing or with reason to know that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—If the Secretary determines that an employer has hired more than 10 unauthorized aliens during a calendar year, a rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding, that the employer knew or had reason to know that such aliens were unauthorized.

“(5) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has



established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to

streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that complies with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that is not in compliance with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, if the license or identity card—

“(I) is not required by the Secretary to comply with such requirements; and

“(II) contains the individual's photograph or information, including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(iii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iv) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—The employer shall maintain records related to an individual of any no-



match notice from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding the individual's name or corresponding social security account number and the steps taken to resolve each issue described in the no-match notice.

“(C) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(D) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquire to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability; and

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) determination of whether such social security account number is valid for employment in the United States; and

“(iv) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary shall require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after such date of enactment, if the Secretary determines, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, such employer or class of employer is—

“(I) part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; or

“(II) directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary may require additional any employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired on or after such date if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, Secretary shall require an employer with more than 5,000 employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MID-SIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary shall require an employer with less than 5,000 employees and with more than 1,000 employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary shall require all employers with less than 1,000 employees and with more than 250 employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, if the Secretary has reasonable causes to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.

“(5) WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and



“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System shall, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual's social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require; and

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and the individual may contest such nonconfirmation notice.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual's employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual's employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such a failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is

provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(11) FEES.—The Secretary is authorized to require any employer participating in the System to pay a fee or fees for such participation. The fees may be set at a level that will recover the full cost of providing the System to all participants. The fees shall be deposited and remain available as provided in subsection (m) and (n) of section 286 and the System is providing an immigration adjudication and naturalization service for purposes of section 286(n).

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Securing America's Borders Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PRE-PENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary's intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which



the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORD KEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of the subsection (b), (c), and (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good-faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in para-

graph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—

“(1) PROHIBITION.—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) WAIVER.—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) WAIVER.—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) SUSPENSION.—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—

“(1) DOCUMENTATION.—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) PREEMPTION.—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) requiring as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.

“(j) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) NO-MATCH NOTICE.—The term ‘no-match notice’ means written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.



“(3) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.”

“(4) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104–208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—Sections 218(i)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1188(i)(1)), 245(c)(8) (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)(8)), 274(a)(3)(B)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)(3)(B)(i)), and 274B(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)(1)) are amended by striking “274A(h)(3)” and inserting “274A”.

(2) DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Section 274B (8 U.S.C. 1324b) is amended—

(A) in subsections (a)(6) and (g)(2)(B), by striking “274A(b)” and inserting “274A(d)”;

and

(B) in subsection (g)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “274A(b)(5)” and inserting “274A(d)(9)”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

“(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) PURPOSE.—Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

“(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”

#### SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.

(a) WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) FRAUD DETECTION.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and

Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigration fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

#### TITLE IV—BACKLOG REDUCTION AND VISAS FOR STUDENTS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, AND ALIENS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

##### SEC. 401. ELIMINATION OF EXISTING BACKLOGS.

(a) FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(c) (8 U.S.C. 1151(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—The worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(1) 480,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 minus the number of visas issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(B) the number of visas calculated under subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.”

(b) EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(d) (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(A) 290,000;

“(B) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year; and

“(C) the difference between—

“(i) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(ii) the number of visas calculated under clause (i) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.

“(2) VISAS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.—Immigrant visas issued on or after October 1, 2004, to spouses and children of employment-based immigrants shall not be counted against the numerical limitation set forth in paragraph (1).”

##### SEC. 402. COUNTRY LIMITS.

Section 202(a) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”;

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”;

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

##### SEC. 403. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.

(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(a) (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATIONS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Aliens subject to the worldwide level specified in section 201(c) for family-sponsored immigrants shall be allocated visas as follows:

“(1) UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the unmarried sons or daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (4).

“(2) SPOUSES AND UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Visas in a quantity not to exceed 50 percent of such worldwide level plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to qualified immigrants who are—

“(i) the spouses or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(ii) the unmarried sons or daughters of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“(B) MINIMUM PERCENTAGE.—Visas allocated to individuals described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall constitute not less than 77 percent of the visas allocated under this paragraph.

“(3) MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the married sons and daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(4) BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the brothers or sisters of a citizen of the United States who is at least 21 years of age shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed 30 percent of the worldwide level.”

(b) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(b) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”;

(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”;

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “5 percent”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) OTHER WORKERS.—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 30 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States.”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.—Section 101(a)(27)(M) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4).”

(2) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS’ VISAS.—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American



Relief Act (Public Law 105-100; 8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

#### SEC. 404. RELIEF FOR MINOR CHILDREN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A)(i) Aliens admitted under section 211(a) on the basis of a prior issuance of a visa under section 203(a) to their accompanying parent who is an immediate relative.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘immediate relative’ means a child, spouse, or parent of a citizen of the United States (and each child of such child, spouse, or parent who is accompanying or following to join the child, spouse, or parent), except that, in the case of parents, such citizens shall be at least 21 years of age.

“(iii) An alien who was the spouse of a citizen of the United States for not less than 2 years at the time of the citizen’s death and was not legally separated from the citizen at the time of the citizen’s death, and each child of such alien, shall be considered, for purposes of this subsection, to remain an immediate relative after the date of the citizen’s death if the spouse files a petition under section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) before the earlier of—

“(I) 2 years after such date; or

“(II) the date on which the spouse remarries.

“(iv) In this clause, an alien who has filed a petition under clause (iii) or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A) remains an immediate relative if the United States citizen spouse or parent loses United States citizenship on account of the abuse.

“(B) Aliens born to an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence during a temporary visit abroad.”.

(b) PETITION.—Section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1154 (a)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “in the second sentence of section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) also” and inserting “in section 201(b)(2)(A)(iii) or an alien child or alien parent described in the 201(b)(2)(A)(iv)”.

#### SEC. 405. STUDENT VISAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “he has no intention of abandoning, who is” and inserting the following: “except in the case of an alien described in clause (iv), the alien has no intention of abandoning, who is—

“(I)”;

(B) by striking “consistent with section 214(I)” and inserting “(except for a graduate program described in clause (iv)) consistent with section 214(m)”;

(C) by striking the comma at the end and inserting the following: “; or

“(II) engaged in temporary employment for optional practical training related to the alien’s area of study, which practical training shall be authorized for a period or periods of up to 24 months;”;

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “or (iv)” after “clause (i)”;

and

(B) by striking “, and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at the end; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) an alien described in clause (i) who has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree.”.

(b) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 214(b) (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (L) or (V)” and inserting “subparagraph (F)(iv), (L), or (V)”.

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR F-4 VISA.—Section 214(m) (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended—

(1) by inserting before paragraph (1) the following:

“(m) NONIMMIGRANT ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A visa issued to an alien under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) shall be valid—

“(A) during the intended period of study in a graduate program described in such section;

“(B) for an additional period, not to exceed 1 year after the completion of the graduate program, if the alien is actively pursuing an offer of employment related to the knowledge and skills obtained through the graduate program; and

“(C) for the additional period necessary for the adjudication of any application for labor certification, employment-based immigrant petition, and application under section 245(a)(2) to adjust such alien’s status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if such application for labor certification or employment-based immigrant petition has been filed not later than 1 year after the completion of the graduate program.”.

(d) OFF CAMPUS WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens admitted as non-immigrant students described in section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) may be employed in an off-campus position unrelated to the alien’s field of study if—

(A) the alien has enrolled full time at the educational institution and is maintaining good academic standing;

(B) the employer provides the educational institution and the Secretary of Labor with an attestation that the employer—

(i) has spent at least 21 days recruiting United States citizens to fill the position; and

(ii) will pay the alien and other similarly situated workers at a rate equal to not less than the greater of—

(I) the actual wage level for the occupation at the place of employment; or

(II) the prevailing wage level for the occupation in the area of employment; and

(C) the alien will not be employed more than—

(i) 20 hours per week during the academic term; or

(ii) 40 hours per week during vacation periods and between academic terms.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Labor determines that an employer has provided an attestation under paragraph (1)(B) that is materially false or has failed to pay wages in accordance with the attestation, the employer, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, shall be disqualified from employing an alien student under paragraph (1).

(e) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 245(a) (8 U.S.C. 1255(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien, who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, or who has an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1), may be adjusted by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, under such regulations as the Secretary or the Attorney General may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if—

“(A) the alien makes an application for such adjustment;

“(B) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa;

“(C) the alien is admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(D) an immigrant visa is immediately available to the alien at the time the application is filed.

“(2) STUDENT VISAS.—Notwithstanding the requirement under paragraph (1)(C), an alien may file an application for adjustment of status under this section if—

“(A) the alien has been issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv), or would have qualified for such nonimmigrant status if section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) had been enacted before such alien’s graduation;

“(B) the alien has earned an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics;

“(C) the alien is the beneficiary of a petition filed under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1); and

“(D) a fee of \$1,000 is remitted to the Secretary on behalf of the alien.

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.”.

(f) USE OF FEES.—

(1) JOB TRAINING; SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 286(s)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 80 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

(2) FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION.—Section 286(v)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 20 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

#### SEC. 406. VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES.

(a) ALIENS WITH CERTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES NOT SUBJECT TO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and have been working in a related field in the United States under a non-immigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding their application for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

“(G) Aliens described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 203(b)(1)(A) or who have received a national interest waiver under section 203(b)(2)(B).

“(H) The spouse and minor children of an alien who is admitted as an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b).”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any visa application—

(A) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) filed on or after such date of enactment.

(b) LABOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 212(a)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) has an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an accredited university in the United States and is employed in a field related to such degree.”.

(c) TEMPORARY WORKERS.—Section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(beginning with fiscal year 1992)”;

and

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (vii), by striking “each succeeding fiscal year; or” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006;”; and



(ii) by adding after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) 115,000 in the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this clause; and

“(ix) the number calculated under paragraph (9) in each fiscal year after the year described in clause (viii); or”;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) has earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (10), (11), and (12), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) If the numerical limitation in paragraph (1)(A)—

“(A) is reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to 120 percent of the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year; or

“(B) is not reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year.”.

(d) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to any visa application—

(1) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) filed on or after such date of enactment.

#### **SEC. 407. MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.**

Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note; Public Law 103-416) is amended by striking “Act and before June 1, 2006.” and inserting “Act.”.

### **TITLE V—IMMIGRATION LITIGATION REDUCTION**

#### **SEC. 501. CONSOLIDATION OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS.**

(a) **REAPPORTIONMENT OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES.**—The table in section 44(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the item relating to the Federal Circuit by striking “12” and inserting “15”.

(b) **REVIEW OF ORDERS OF REMOVAL.**—Section 242(b) (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking the first sentence and inserting “The petition for review shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”;

(2) in paragraph (5)(B), by adding at the end the following: “Any appeal of a decision by the district court under this paragraph shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”; and

(3) in paragraph (7), by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) **CONSEQUENCE OF INVALIDATION AND VENUE OF APPEALS.**—

“(i) **INVALIDATION.**—If the district court rules that the removal order is invalid, the court shall dismiss the indictment for violation of section 243(a).

“(ii) **APPEALS.**—The United States Government may appeal a dismissal under clause (i) to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit within 30 days after the date of the dismissal. If the district court rules that the removal order is valid, the defendant may appeal the district court decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit within 30 days after the date of completion of the criminal proceeding.”.

(c) **REVIEW OF ORDERS REGARDING INADMISSABLE ALIENS.**—Section 242(e) (8 U.S.C. 1252(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) **VENUE.**—The petition to appeal any decision by the district court pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.”.

(d) **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**—Section 242(g) (8 U.S.C. 1252(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Except”; and inserting the following:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **APPEALS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review a district court order arising from any action taken, or proceeding brought, to remove or exclude an alien from the United States, including a district court order granting or denying a petition for writ of habeas corpus.”.

(e) **JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT.**—

(1) **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**—Section 1295(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(15) of an appeal to review a final administrative order or a district court decision arising from any action taken, or proceeding brought, to remove or exclude an alien from the United States.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such section 1295(a) is further amended—

(A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”; and

(B) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “and”.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including the hiring of additional attorneys for the such Court.

(g) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect upon the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to any final agency order or district court decision entered on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 502. ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL.**

(a) **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—

(1) **TRIAL ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of General Counsel of the Department who represent the Department in immigration matters by not less than 100 above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during each preceding fiscal year.

(2) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(b) **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**—

(1) **LITIGATION ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of Immigration Litigation of the Department of Justice.

(2) **UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of attorneys in the United States Attorneys' office to litigate immigration cases in the Federal courts.

(3) **IMMIGRATION JUDGES.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney Gen-

eral shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose—

(A) increase by not less than 20 the number of full-time immigration judges compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year; and

(B) increase by not less than 80 the number of positions for personnel to support the immigration judges described in subparagraph (A) compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(4) **STAFF ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose—

(A) increase by not less than 10 the number of positions for full-time staff attorneys in the Board of Immigration Appeals compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year; and

(B) increase by not less than 10 the number of positions for personnel to support the staff attorneys described in subparagraph (A) compared to the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including the hiring of necessary support staff.

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.**—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 50 the number of attorneys in the Federal Defenders Program who litigate criminal immigration cases in the Federal courts.

#### **SEC. 503. BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS REMOVAL ORDER AUTHORITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(a)(47) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(47)) is amended to read as follows:

“(47)(A)(i) The term ‘order of removal’ means the order of the immigration judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or other administrative officer to whom the Attorney General or the Secretary of Homeland Security has delegated the responsibility for determining whether an alien is removable, concluding that the alien is removable, or ordering removal.

“(ii) The term ‘order of deportation’ means the order of the special inquiry officer, immigration judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or other such administrative officer to whom the Attorney General has delegated the responsibility for determining whether an alien is deportable, concluding that the alien is deportable, or ordering deportation.

“(B) An order described under subparagraph (A) shall become final upon the earlier of—

“(i) a determination by the Board of Immigration Appeals affirming such order;

“(ii) the entry by the Board of Immigration Appeals of such order;

“(iii) the expiration of the period in which any party is permitted to seek review of such order by the Board of Immigration Appeals;

“(iv) the entry by an immigration judge of such order, if appeal is waived by all parties; or

“(v) the entry by another administrative officer of such order, at the conclusion of a process authorized by law other than under section 240.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—The Immigration and Nationality Act is amended—

(1) in section 212(d)(12)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(12)(A)), by inserting “an order of” before “removal”; and



(2) in section 245A(g)(2)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1255a(g)(2)(B))—

(A) in the heading, by inserting “, REMOVAL,” after “DEPORTATION”; and

(B) in clause (i), by striking “deportation,” and inserting “deportation or an order of removal.”

#### SEC. 504. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF VISA REVOCATION.

Section 221(i) (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) is amended by striking the last sentence and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and sections 1361 and 1651 of such title, a revocation under this subsection may not be reviewed by any court, and no court shall have jurisdiction to hear any claim arising from, or any challenge to, such a revocation.”

#### SEC. 505. REINSTATEMENT OF REMOVAL ORDERS.

(a) REINSTATEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 241(a)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) REINSTATEMENT OF REMOVAL ORDERS AGAINST ALIENS ILLEGALLY REENTERING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Homeland Security finds that an alien has entered the United States illegally after having been removed, deported, or excluded or having departed voluntarily, under an order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, regardless of the date of the original order or the date of the illegal entry—

“(i) the order of removal, deportation, or exclusion is reinstated from its original date and is not subject to being reopened or reviewed notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D);

“(ii) the alien is not eligible and may not apply for any relief under this Act, regardless of the date that an application or request for such relief may have been filed or made; and

“(iii) the alien shall be removed under the order of removal, deportation, or exclusion at any time after the illegal entry.

“(B) NO OTHER PROCEEDINGS.—Reinstatement under this paragraph shall not require proceedings under section 240 or other proceedings before an immigration judge.”

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 242(a)(2)(D) (8 U.S.C. 1252(a)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “section” and inserting “section or section 241(a)(5)”.

(b) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Section 242 (8 U.S.C. 1252) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF REINSTATEMENT UNDER SECTION 241(a)(5).—

“(1) REVIEW OF REINSTATEMENT.—Judicial review of a determination under section 241(a)(5) is available under subsection (a) of this section.

“(2) NO REVIEW OF ORIGINAL ORDER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and sections 1361 and 1651 of such title, no court shall have jurisdiction to review any cause or claim, arising from or relating to any challenge to the original order.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on April 1, 1997, and shall apply to all orders reinstated on or after that date by the Secretary (or by the Attorney General prior to March 1, 2003), regardless of the date of the original order.

#### SEC. 506. WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 241(b)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end “The burden of proof is on the alien to establish that the alien’s life or freedom would be threatened in that country, and

that race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion would be at least one central reason for such threat.”; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “In determining whether an alien has demonstrated that the alien’s life or freedom would be threatened for a reason described in subparagraph (A)” and inserting “For purposes of this paragraph.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on May 11, 2005, and shall apply to applications for withholding of removal made on or after such date.

#### SEC. 507. CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.

(a) BRIEFS.—Section 242(b)(3)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)(3)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

“(C) BRIEFS.—

“(i) ALIEN’S BRIEF.—The alien shall serve and file a brief in connection with a petition for judicial review not later than 40 days after the date on which the administrative record is available. The court may not extend this deadline except upon motion for good cause shown. If an alien fails to file a brief within the time provided in this subparagraph, the court shall dismiss the appeal unless a manifest injustice would result.

“(ii) UNITED STATES BRIEF.—The United States shall not be afforded an opportunity to file a brief in response to the alien’s brief until a judge issues a certificate of reviewability as provided in subparagraph (D), unless the court requests the United States to file a reply brief prior to issuing such certificate.”

(b) CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.—Section 242(b)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(D) CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.—

“(i) After the alien has filed a brief, the petition for review shall be assigned to one judge on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

“(ii) Unless such judge issues a certificate of reviewability, the petition for review shall be denied and the United States may not file a brief.

“(iii) Such judge may not issue a certificate of reviewability under clause (ii) unless the petitioner establishes a prima facie case that the petition for review should be granted.

“(iv) Such judge shall complete all action on such certificate, including rendering judgment, not later than 60 days after the date on which the judge is assigned the petition for review, unless an extension is granted under clause (v).

“(v) Such judge may grant, on the judge’s own motion or on the motion of a party, an extension of the 60-day period described in clause (iv) if—

“(I) all parties to the proceeding agree to such extension; or

“(II) such extension is for good cause shown or in the interests of justice, and the judge states the grounds for the extension with specificity.

“(vi) If no certificate of reviewability is issued before the end of the period described in clause (iv), including any extension under clause (v), the petition for review shall be denied, any stay or injunction on petitioner’s removal shall be dissolved without further action by the court or the Government, and the alien may be removed.

“(vii) If such judge issues a certificate of reviewability under clause (ii), the Government shall be afforded an opportunity to file a brief in response to the alien’s brief. The alien may serve and file a reply brief not later than 14 days after service of the Government brief, and the court may not extend this deadline except upon motion for good cause shown.

“(E) NO FURTHER REVIEW OF DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF REVIEWABILITY.—The decision of a judge on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals not to issue a certificate of reviewability or to deny a petition for review, shall be the final decision for the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and may not be reconsidered, reviewed, or reversed by the such Court through any mechanism or procedure.”

#### SEC. 508. DISCRETIONARY DECISIONS ON MOTIONS TO REOPEN OR RECONSIDER.

(a) EXERCISE OF DISCRETION.—Section 240(c) (8 U.S.C. 1229a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) DISCRETION.—The decision to grant or deny a motion to reconsider is committed to the Attorney General’s discretion.”; and

(2) in paragraph (7), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) DISCRETION.—The decision to grant or deny a motion to reopen is committed to the Attorney General’s discretion.”

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR PROTECTION FROM REMOVAL TO ALTERNATIVE COUNTRY.—Section 240(c) (8 U.S.C. 1229a(c)), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end of paragraph (7)(C) the following new clause:

“(v) SPECIAL RULE FOR ALTERNATIVE COUNTRIES OF REMOVAL.—The requirements of this paragraph may not apply if—

“(I) the Secretary of Homeland Security is seeking to remove the alien to an alternative or additional country of removal under paragraph (1)(C), 2(D), or 2(E) of section 241(b) that was not considered during the alien’s prior removal proceedings;

“(II) the alien’s motion to reopen is filed within 30 days after receiving notice of the Secretary’s intention to remove the alien to that country; and

“(III) the alien establishes a prima facie case that the alien is entitled by law to withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, with respect to that particular country.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This amendment made by this section shall apply to motions to reopen or reconsider which are filed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act in removal, deportation, or exclusion proceedings, whether a final administrative order is entered before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 509. PROHIBITION OF ATTORNEY FEE AWARDS FOR REVIEW OF FINAL ORDERS OF REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 242 (8 U.S.C. 1252), as amended by section 505(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) PROHIBITION ON ATTORNEY FEE AWARDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a court may not award fees or other expenses to an alien based upon the alien’s status as a prevailing party in any proceedings relating to an order of removal issued under this Act, unless the court of appeals concludes that the determination of the Attorney General or the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien was removable under sections 212 and 237 was not substantially justified.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to proceedings relating to an order of removal issued on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, regardless of the date that such fees or expenses were incurred.

#### SEC. 510. BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS.

(a) REQUIREMENT TO HEAR CASES IN 3-MEMBER PANELS.—



(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals of the Department of Justice shall be heard by 3-member panels of such Board.

(2) HEARING BY A SINGLE MEMBER.—A 3-member panel of the Board of Immigration Appeals or a member of such Board alone may—

(A) summarily dismiss any appeal or portion of any appeal in any case which—

(i) the party seeking the appeal fails to specify the reasons for the appeal;

(ii) the only reason for the appeal specified by such party involves a finding of fact or a conclusion of law that was conceded by that party at a prior proceeding;

(iii) the appeal is from an order that granted such party the relief that had been requested;

(iv) the appeal is determined to be filed for an improper purpose, such as to cause unnecessary delay; or

(v) the appeal lacks an arguable basis in fact or in law and is not supported by a good faith argument for extension, modification, or reversal of existing law;

(B) grant an unopposed motion or a motion to withdraw an appeal pending before the Board; or

(C) adjudicate a motion to remand any appeal—

(i) from the decision of an officer of the Department if the appropriate official of the Department requests that the matter be remanded back for further consideration;

(ii) if remand is required because of a defective or missing transcript; or

(iii) if remand is required for any other procedural or ministerial issue.

(3) HEARING EN BANC.—The Board of Immigration Appeals may, by a majority vote of the Board members—

(A) consider any case as the full Board en banc; or

(B) reconsider as the full Board en banc any case that has been considered or decided by a 3-member panel.

(b) AFFIRMANCE WITHOUT OPINION.—Upon individualized review of a case, the Board of Immigration Appeals may affirm the decision of an immigration judge without opinion only if—

(1) the decision of the immigration judge resolved all issues in the case;

(2) the issue on appeal is squarely controlled by existing Board or Federal court precedent and does not involve the application of precedent to a novel fact situation;

(3) the factual and legal questions raised on appeal are so insubstantial that the case does not warrant the issuance of a written opinion in the case; and

(4) the Board approves both the result reached in the decision below and all of the reasoning of that decision.

(c) REQUIREMENT FOR REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

#### TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

##### SEC. 601. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary, shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to Congress a draft of any technical and conforming changes in the Immigration and Nationality Act which are necessary to reflect the changes in the substantive provisions of law made by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, this Act, or any other provision of law.

**SA 3421.** Mr. NELSON of Nebraska proposed an amendment to amendment

SA 3420 proposed by Mr. SESSIONS to the amendment SA 3192 submitted by Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HAGEL) to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the Sessions amendment add the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Border Security and Interior Enforcement Improvement Act of 2006”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Severability.

#### TITLE I—SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY

Sec. 101. Construction of fencing and security improvements in border area from Pacific Ocean to Gulf of Mexico.

Sec. 102. Border patrol agents.

Sec. 103. Increased availability of Department of Defense equipment to assist with surveillance of southern international land border of the United States.

Sec. 104. Ports of entry.

Sec. 105. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE II—FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Subtitle A—Additional Federal Resources

Sec. 201. Necessary assets for controlling United States borders.

Sec. 202. Additional immigration personnel.

Sec. 203. Additional worksite enforcement and fraud detection agents.

Sec. 204. Document fraud detection.

Sec. 205. Powers of immigration officers and employees.

Subtitle B—Maintaining Accurate Enforcement Data on Aliens

Sec. 211. Entry-exit system.

Sec. 212. State and local law enforcement provision of information regarding aliens.

Sec. 213. Listing of immigration violators in the National Crime Information Center database.

Sec. 214. Determination of immigration status of individuals charged with Federal offenses.

Subtitle C—Detention of Aliens and Reimbursement of Costs

Sec. 221. Increase of Federal detention space and the utilization of facilities identified for closures as a result of the Defense Base Closure Realignment Act of 1990.

Sec. 222. Federal custody of illegal aliens apprehended by State or local law enforcement.

Sec. 223. Institutional Removal Program.

Subtitle D—State, Local, and Tribal Enforcement of Immigration Laws

Sec. 231. Congressional affirmation of immigration law enforcement authority by States and political subdivisions of States.

Sec. 232. Immigration law enforcement training of State and local law enforcement personnel.

Sec. 233. Immunity.

#### TITLE III—VISA REFORM AND ALIEN STATUS

Subtitle A—Limitations on Visa Issuance and Validity

Sec. 301. Curtailment of visas for aliens from countries denying or delaying repatriation of nationals.

Sec. 302. Judicial review of visa revocation.

Sec. 303. Elimination of diversity immigrant program.

Sec. 304. Completion of background and security checks.

Sec. 305. Naturalization and good moral character.

Sec. 306. Denial of benefits to terrorists and criminals.

Sec. 307. Repeal of adjustment of status of certain aliens physically present in United States under section 245(i).

Sec. 308. Grounds of Inadmissibility and Removability for Persecutors.

Sec. 309. Technical Corrections to SEVIS Reporting Requirements.

#### TITLE IV—WORKPLACE ENFORCEMENT AND IDENTIFICATION INTEGRITY

Subtitle A—In General

Sec. 401. Short title.

Sec. 402. Findings.

Subtitle B—Employment Eligibility Verification System

Sec. 411. Employment Eligibility Verification System.

Sec. 412. Employment eligibility verification process.

Sec. 413. Expansion of employment eligibility verification system to previously hired individuals and recruiting and referring.

Sec. 414. Extension of preemption to required construction of day laborer shelters.

Sec. 415. Basic pilot program.

Sec. 416. Protection for United States workers and individuals reporting immigration law violations.

Sec. 417. Penalties.

Subtitle C—Work Eligibility Verification Reform in the Social Security Administration

Sec. 421. Verification responsibilities of the Commissioner of Social Security.

Sec. 422. Notification by commissioner of failure to correct social security information.

Sec. 423. Restriction on access and use.

Sec. 424. Sharing of information with the commissioner of Internal Revenue Service.

Sec. 425. Sharing of information with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Subtitle D—Sharing of Information

Sec. 431. Sharing of information with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Commissioner of Social Security.

Subtitle E—Identification Document Integrity

Sec. 441. Consular identification documents.

Sec. 442. Machine-readable tamper-resistant immigration documents.

Subtitle F—Effective Date; Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 451. Effective date.

Sec. 452. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE V—PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Subtitle A—Criminal and Civil Penalties

Sec. 501. Alien smuggling and related offenses.

Sec. 502. Evasion of inspection or violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.

Sec. 503. Improper entry by, or presence of, aliens.

Sec. 504. Fees and Employer Compliance Fund.

Sec. 505. Reentry of removed alien.

Sec. 506. Civil and criminal penalties for document fraud, benefit fraud, and false claims of citizenship.



- Sec. 507. Rendering inadmissible and deportable aliens participating in criminal street gangs.
- Sec. 508. Mandatory detention of suspected criminal street gang members.
- Sec. 509. Ineligibility for asylum and protection from removal.
- Sec. 510. Penalties for misusing social security numbers or filing false information with Social Security Administration.
- Sec. 511. Technical and clarifying amendments.

Subtitle B—Detention, Removal, and Departure

- Sec. 521. Voluntary departure reform.
- Sec. 522. Release of aliens in removal proceedings.
- Sec. 523. Expedited removal.
- Sec. 524. Reinstatement of previous removal orders.
- Sec. 525. Cancellation of removal.
- Sec. 526. Detention of dangerous alien.
- Sec. 527. Alternatives to detention.
- Sec. 528. Authorization of appropriations.

**SEC. 2. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this Act, any amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, and the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances, shall not be affected by such holding.

**TITLE I—SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY**

**SEC. 101. CONSTRUCTION OF FENCING AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS IN BORDER AREA FROM PACIFIC OCEAN TO GULF OF MEXICO.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is amended to read as follows—

“(1) BORDER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.—

“(A) BORDER ZONE CREATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall create and control a border zone, along the international land border between the United States and Mexico, subject to the following conditions:

“(I) SIZE.—The border zone shall consist of the United States land area within 100 yards of such international land border, except that with respect to areas of the border zone that are contained within an organized subdivision of a State or local government, the Secretary may adjust the area included in the border zone to accommodate existing public and private structures.

“(II) FEDERAL LAND.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of the Border Security and Interior Enforcement Improvement Act of 2006, the head of each Federal agency having jurisdiction over Federal land included in the border zone shall transfer such land, without reimbursement, to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(III) CONSULTATION.—Before installing any fencing or other physical barriers, roads, lighting, or sensors under subparagraph (B) on land transferred by the Secretary of Defense under subclause (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the Secretary of Defense for purposes of mitigating or limiting the impact of the fencing, barriers, roads, lighting, and sensors on military training and operations.

“(ii) OTHER USES.—The Secretary may authorize the use of land included in the border zone for other purposes so long as such use does not impede the operation or effectiveness of the security features installed under subparagraph (B) or the ability of the Secretary to carry out subsection (a).

“(B) REINFORCED FENCING.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide for—

“(i) the construction along the southern international land border between the United States and Mexico, starting at the Pacific Ocean and extending eastward to the Gulf of Mexico, of at least 2 layers of reinforced fencing; and

“(ii) the installation of such additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, ditches, and sensors along such border as may be necessary to eliminate illegal crossings and facilitate legal crossings along such border.

“(C) PRIORITY AREAS.—With respect to the border described in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall ensure that initial fence construction occurs in high traffic and smuggling areas along such border.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1103 note) as amended by subsection (a) is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Attorney General, in consultation with the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization,” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking the heading and inserting “BORDER ZONE CREATION AND REINFORCED FENCING—”;

(3) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 102. BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended—

(1) by striking “2010” both places it appears and inserting “2011”; and

(2) by striking “2,000” and inserting “3,000”.

**SEC. 103. INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST WITH SURVEILLANCE OF SOUTHERN INTERNATIONAL LAND BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES.**

(a) INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall develop and implement a plan to use the authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist with Department of Homeland Security surveillance activities conducted at or near the southern international land border of the United States.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to Congress that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist with Department of Homeland Security surveillance of the southern international land border of the United States;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (a) to increase the use of Department of Defense equipment to assist with such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by Department of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning after submission of the report.

**SEC. 104. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

To facilitate legal trade, commerce, tourism, and legal immigration, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land border of the

United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000,000 to carry out section 102(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1103), as amended by section 101. Such sums shall be available until expended.

(b) BORDER PATROL AGENTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000,000 to carry out section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734), as amended by section 102.

(c) PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$125,000,000 to carry out section 104.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 102(b)(4) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is repealed.

**TITLE II—FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Subtitle A—Additional Federal Resources**

**SEC. 201. NECESSARY ASSETS FOR CONTROLLING UNITED STATES BORDERS.**

(a) PERSONNEL.—

(1) CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICERS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall increase by not less than 250 the number of positions for full-time active duty Customs and Border Protection officers.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1).

(b) TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.—

(1) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall procure unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the borders of the United States.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1).

(c) BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, temporary or permanent checkpoints may be maintained on roadways in border patrol sectors close to the international land borders of the United States in such locations and for such time period durations as the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary's sole discretion, determines necessary.

**SEC. 202. ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL.**

(a) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—

(1) INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734), for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 200 the number of positions for investigative personnel within the Department of Homeland Security investigating alien smuggling and immigration status violations above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(2) TRIAL ATTORNEYS.—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of General Counsel of



the Department of Homeland Security who represent the Department in immigration matters by not less than 100 above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during each preceding fiscal year.

(3) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(b) **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**—

(1) **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.**—

(A) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within the Department of Justice the position of Assistant Attorney General for Immigration Enforcement. The Assistant Attorney General for Immigration Enforcement shall coordinate and prioritize immigration litigation and enforcement in the Federal courts, including—

(i) removal and deportation;  
(ii) employer sanctions; and  
(iii) alien smuggling and human trafficking.

(B) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 506 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “ten” and inserting “11”.

(2) **LITIGATION ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of positions for attorneys in the Office of Immigration Litigation of the Department of Justice above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) **ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of Assistant United States Attorneys to litigate immigration cases in the Federal courts above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(4) **IMMIGRATION JUDGES.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Attorney General shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 50 the number of immigration judges above the number of such positions for which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Justice for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection, including the hiring of necessary support staff.

#### **SEC. 203. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.**

(a) **WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, 1324a) above the number of such positions in which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) **FRAUD DETECTION.**—In each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for Immigration Enforcement Agents dedicated to immigration fraud detection above the number of such positions in which funds were made available during the preceding fiscal year.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated during each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### **SEC. 204. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.**

(a) **TRAINING.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide all customs and border protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) **FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide all officers of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### **SEC. 205. POWERS OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

Section 287(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (5) and the 2 undesignated paragraphs following paragraph (5);

(2) in the material preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(a) Any” and inserting “(a)(1) Any”; and

(B) by striking “Service” and inserting “Department of Homeland Security”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (D), as redesignated by paragraph (3), the following: “(E) to make arrests—

“(i) for any offense against the United States, if the offense is committed in the officer’s or employee’s presence; or

“(ii) for any felony cognizable under the laws of the United States, if the officer or employee has reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing such a felony.

“(2) Under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General or the Secretary of Homeland Security, an officer or employee of the Service may carry a firearm and may execute and serve any order, warrant, subpoena, summons, or other process issued under the authority of the United States.”.

#### **Subtitle B—Maintaining Accurate Enforcement Data on Aliens**

#### **SEC. 211. ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.**

(a) **INTEGRATED ENTRY AND EXIT DATA SYSTEM.**—Section 110(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) provides access to, and integrates, arrival and departure data of all aliens who arrive and depart at ports of entry, in an electronic format and in a database of the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of State (including those created or used at ports of entry and at consular offices);”.

(b) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Section 110(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to reduce or curtail any authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of State under any other provision of law.”.

(c) **DEADLINES.**—Section 110(d) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2003” and inserting “October 1, 2006”; and

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) **LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.**—Not later than October 1, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement the integrated entry and exit data system using the data described in paragraph (1) and available alien arrival and departure data described in subsection (b)(1) pertaining to aliens arriving in, or departing from, the United States at all land border ports of entry. Such implementation shall include ensuring that such data, when collected or created by an immigration officer at a port of entry, are entered into the system and can be accessed by immigration officers at airports, seaports, and other land border ports of entry.”.

(d) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SYSTEM.**—Section 110(f)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a(f)(1)) is amended by adding at the end: “The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that any officer or employee of the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of State having need to access the data contained in the integrated entry and exit data system for any lawful purpose under the Immigration and Nationality Act has such access, including access for purposes of representation of the Department of Homeland Security in removal proceedings under section 240 of such Act and adjudication of applications for benefits under such Act.”.

(e) **BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**—Not later than October 1, 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the automated biometric fingerprint identification system (IDENT) of the Department of Homeland Security and the integrated automated fingerprint identification system (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint databases to ensure more expeditious data searches; and

(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all 10 fingerprints during the alien’s initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a), as amended by this section.

#### **SEC. 212. STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING ALIENS.**

(a) **VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW.**—A statute, policy, or practice that prohibits, or restricts in any manner, a law enforcement or administrative enforcement officer of a State or of a political subdivision therein, from enforcing Federal immigration laws or from assisting or cooperating with Federal immigration law enforcement in the course of carrying out the investigative or enforcement duties of the officer or from providing information to an official of the United States Government regarding the immigration status of an individual who is believed to be illegally present in the United States, is in violation of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(a)) and section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644).

(b) **STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ABOUT APPREHENDED ILLEGAL ALIENS.**—

(1) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In compliance with section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(a)) and section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644), each



law enforcement agency of a State or of a political subdivision therein shall provide to the Department of Homeland Security the information listed in paragraph (2) for each alien who is apprehended in the jurisdiction of such agency and who cannot produce the valid certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card described in section 264(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1304(d)).

(B) **TIME LIMITATION.**—Not later than 15 days after an alien described in subparagraph (A) is apprehended, information required to be provided under subparagraph (A) shall be provided in such form and in such manner as the Secretary of Homeland Security may, by regulation or guideline, require.

(C) **EXCEPTION.**—The reporting requirement in paragraph (A) shall not apply in the case of any alien determined to be lawfully present in the United States.

(2) **INFORMATION REQUIRED.**—The information listed in this subsection is as follows:

(A) The alien's name.

(B) The alien's address or place of residence.

(C) A physical description of the alien.

(D) The date, time, and location of the encounter with the alien and reason for stopping, detaining, apprehending, or arresting the alien.

(E) If applicable—

(i) the alien's driver's license number and the State of issuance of such license;

(ii) the type of any other identification document issued to the alien, any designation number contained on the identification document, and the issuing entity for the identification document;

(iii) the license number and description of any vehicle registered to, or operated by, the alien; and

(iv) a photo of the alien and a full set of the alien's 10 rolled fingerprints, if available or readily obtainable.

(3) **REIMBURSEMENT.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse such law enforcement agencies for the costs, per a schedule determined by the Secretary, incurred by such agencies in collecting and transmitting the information described in paragraph (2).

(c) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996.**—

(A) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373) is amended—

(i) in subsections (a), (b)(1), and (c), by striking “Immigration and Naturalization Service” each place it appears and inserting “Department of Homeland Security”; and

(ii) in the heading by striking “**IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE**” and inserting “**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**”.

(B) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 1(d) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-546) is amended by striking the item related to section 642 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 642. Communication between government agencies and the Department of Homeland Security.”.

(2) **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644) is amended—

(i) by striking “**IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE**” and inserting “**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**”; and

(ii) in the heading by striking “immigration and naturalization service” and inserting “department of homeland security”.

(B) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 2 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1642) is amended by striking the item related to section 434 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 434. Communication between State and local government agencies and the Department of Homeland Security.”.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.

#### **SEC. 213. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**

(a) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary of Homeland Security has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) detained by a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States but, in the exercise of discretion, has been released from detention without transfer into the custody of a Federal immigration officer;

(D) who has remained in the United States beyond the alien's authorized period of stay; and

(E) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) **REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.**—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary of Homeland Security under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(b) **INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States, regardless of whether the alien has received notice of the violation or the alien has already been removed; and”.

#### **SEC. 214. DETERMINATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL OFFENSES.**

(a) **RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.**—Beginning 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the office of the United States attorney that is prosecuting a criminal case in a Federal court—

(1) shall determine, not later than 30 days after filing the initial pleadings in the case, whether each defendant in the case is lawfully present in the United States (subject to subsequent legal proceedings to determine otherwise);

(2)(A) if the defendant is determined to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination and the current status of the alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(B) if the defendant is determined not to be lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination, the defendant's alien status, and, to the extent possible, the country of origin or legal residence of the defendant; and

(3) ensure that the information described in paragraph (2) is included in the case file and the criminal records system of the office of the United States attorney.

(b) **GUIDELINES.**—A determination made under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in accordance with guidelines of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice.

(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL COURTS.**—

(1) **MODIFICATIONS OF RECORDS AND CASE MANAGEMENTS SYSTEMS.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, all Federal courts that hear criminal cases, or appeals of criminal cases, shall modify their criminal records and case management systems, in accordance with guidelines which the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall establish, so as to enable accurate reporting of information described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) **DATA ENTRIES.**—Beginning 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal court described in paragraph (1) shall enter into its electronic records the information contained in each notification to the court under subsection (a)(2).

(d) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall include, in the annual report filed with the Congress under section 604 of title 28, United States Code—

(1) statistical information on criminal trials of aliens in the courts and criminal convictions of aliens in the lower courts and upheld on appeal, including the type of crime in each case and including information on the legal status of the aliens; and

(2) recommendations on whether additional court resources are needed to accommodate the volume of criminal cases brought against aliens in the Federal courts.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2012, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year shall remain available until expended.

#### **Subtitle C—Detention of Aliens and Reimbursement of Costs**

#### **SEC. 221. INCREASE OF FEDERAL DETENTION SPACE AND THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1990.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall construct or acquire, in addition to existing facilities for the detention of aliens, 20 detention facilities in the United States that have the capacity to detain a combined total of not less than 10,000 individuals at any time for aliens detained pending removal or a decision on removal of such aliens from the United States.

(2) **DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.**—The location of any detention facility built or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined with the concurrence of the Secretary by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department of Homeland Security. The detention facilities shall be located so as



to enable the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(3) USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.—In acquiring detention facilities under this subsection, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with paragraph (1).

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 241(g)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 222. FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

**“SEC. 240D. TRANSFER OF ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM STATE TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State) exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an illegal alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an illegal alien; and

“(B) if the individual is an illegal alien, either—

“(i) not later than 72 hours after the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process, or if no State charging or dismissal process is required, not later than 72 hours after the illegal alien is apprehended, take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government and incarcerate the alien; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the illegal alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of criminal or illegal aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(b) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State or a political subdivision of a State for expenses, as verified by the Secretary of Homeland Security, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of a criminal or illegal alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the criminal or illegal alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) the cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained illegal alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (a) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(c) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that illegal aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this subsection are held in facilities which provide an appropriate level of security, and that, where practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(d) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended illegal aliens from the custody of those States and political subdivisions of States which routinely submit requests described in subsection (a) into Federal custody.

“(e) AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or where appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.

“(f) ILLEGAL ALIEN DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘illegal alien’ means an alien who—

“(1) entered the United States without inspection or at any time or place other than that designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(2) was admitted as a nonimmigrant and who, at the time the alien was taken into custody by the State or a political subdivision of the State, had failed to—

“(A) maintain the nonimmigrant status in which the alien was admitted or to which it was changed under section 248; or

“(B) comply with the conditions of any such status;

“(3) was admitted as an immigrant and has subsequently failed to comply with the requirements of that status; or

“(4) failed to depart the United States under a voluntary departure agreement or under a final order of removal.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

**SEC. 223. INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.**

(a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program or develop and implement any other program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall extend the institutional removal program to all States. Each State should—

(A) cooperate with officials of the Federal Institutional Removal Program;

(B) expeditiously and systematically identify criminal aliens in its prison and jail populations; and

(C) promptly convey the information collected under subparagraph (B) to officials of the Institutional Removal Program.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAMS.—Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State are authorized to—

“(1) hold an illegal alien for a period of up to 14 days after the alien has completed the alien's State prison sentence in order to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody when the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

“(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until personnel from the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

“(e) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology such as videoconferencing shall be used to the maximum extent practicable in order to make the Institutional Removal Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as the automated biometric fingerprint identification system (IDENT) of the Department of Homeland Security, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable in order to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

“(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Border Security and Interior Enforcement Improvement Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress a report on the participation of States in the Institutional Removal Program and in any other program carried out under subsection (a).

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Institutional Removal Program—

“(1) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

“(2) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(3) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

“(4) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

“(5) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

**Subtitle D—State, Local, and Tribal Enforcement of Immigration Laws**

**SEC. 231. CONGRESSIONAL AFFIRMATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY BY STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF STATES.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and reaffirming the existing inherent authority of States, law enforcement personnel



of a State or a political subdivision of a State have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, identify, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody aliens in the United States (including the transportation of such aliens across State lines to detention centers), for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

**SEC. 232. IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

(a) TRAINING MANUAL AND POCKET GUIDE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish—

(A) a training manual for law enforcement personnel of a State or political subdivision of a State to train such personnel in the investigation, identification, apprehension, arrest, detention, and transfer to Federal custody of aliens in the United States (including the transportation of such aliens across State lines to detention centers and the identification of fraudulent documents); and

(B) an immigration enforcement pocket guide for law enforcement personnel of a State or political subdivision of a State to provide a quick reference for such personnel in the course of duty.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—The training manual and pocket guide established in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be made available to all State and local law enforcement personnel.

(3) APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require State or local law enforcement personnel to carry the training manual or pocket guide established in accordance with paragraph (1) with them while on duty.

(4) COSTS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall be responsible for any and all costs incurred in establishing the training manual and pocket guide under this subsection.

(b) TRAINING FLEXIBILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall make training of State and local law enforcement officers available through as many means as possible, including residential training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness of the Department of Homeland Security, on-site training held at State or local police agencies or facilities, online training courses by computer, teleconferencing, and videotape, or the digital video display (DVD) of a training course or courses.

(2) ONLINE TRAINING.—The head of the Distributed Learning Program of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center shall make training available for State and local law enforcement personnel via the Internet through a secure, encrypted distributed learning system that has all its servers based in the United States.

(3) FEDERAL PERSONNEL TRAINING.—The training of State and local law enforcement personnel under this section shall not displace the training of Federal personnel.

(c) COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall negotiate and execute, where practicable, a cooperative enforcement agreement described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) with at least 1 law enforcement agency in each State, to train law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of individuals engaged in transporting, harboring, sheltering, or encouraging aliens in violation of section 274 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

(d) DURATION OF TRAINING.—Section 287(g)(2) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)(2)) is amended by adding at the end “Such training may not exceed 14 days or 80 hours of classroom training.”.

(e) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this Act or any other provision of law shall be construed as making any immigration-related training a requirement for, or prerequisite to, any State or local law enforcement officer exercising the inherent authority of the officer to investigate, identify, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody illegal aliens during the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of the officer.

(f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 233. IMMUNITY.**

(a) PERSONAL IMMUNITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement officer of a State, or of a political subdivision of a State, shall be immune, to the same extent as a Federal law enforcement officer, from personal liability arising out of the enforcement of any immigration law. The immunity provided by this subsection shall only apply to an officer of a State, or of a political subdivision of a State, who is acting within the scope of such officer's official duties.

(b) AGENCY IMMUNITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency of a State, or of a political subdivision of a State, shall be immune from any claim for money damages based on Federal, State, or local civil rights law for an incident arising out of the enforcement of any immigration law, except to the extent that the law enforcement officer of such agency, whose action the claim involves, committed a violation of Federal, State, or local criminal law in the course of enforcing such immigration law.

**TITLE III—VISA REFORM AND ALIEN STATUS**

**Subtitle A—Limitations on Visa Issuance and Validity**

**SEC. 301. CURTAILMENT OF VISAS FOR ALIENS FROM COUNTRIES DENYING OR DELAYING REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 243 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) PUBLIC LISTING OF ALIENS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT LIKELIHOOD OF REMOVAL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish and maintain a public listing of every alien who is subject to a final order of removal and with respect to whom the Secretary or any Federal court has determined that there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future due to the refusal, or unreasonable delay, of all countries designated by the alien under this section to receive the alien. The public listing shall indicate whether such alien has been released from Federal custody, and the city and State in which such alien resides.

“(2) DISCONTINUATION OF VISAS.—If 25 or more of the citizens, subjects, or nationals of any foreign state remain on the public listing described in paragraph (1) throughout any month—

“(A) such foreign state shall be deemed to have denied or unreasonably delayed the acceptance of such aliens;

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security shall make the notification to the Secretary of State prescribed in subsection (d) of this section; and

“(C) the Secretary of State shall discontinue the issuance of nonimmigrant visas to citizens, subjects, or nationals of such foreign state until such time as the number of aliens on the public listing from such foreign state has—

“(i) declined to fewer than 6; or

“(ii) remained below 25 for at least 30 days.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 243 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(D), by inserting “or the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Attorney General”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by striking “Commissioner” and inserting “Secretary”; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “of State” after “notifies the Secretary”.

**SEC. 302. JUDICIAL REVIEW OF VISA REVOCATION.**

Section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) is amended by striking “, except in the context of a removal proceeding if such revocation provides the sole ground for removal under section 237(a)(1)(B)”.

**SEC. 303. ELIMINATION OF DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF DIVERSITY IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “and” at the end of paragraph (1);

(B) by striking “; and” at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3); and

(2) by striking subsection (e).

(b) ALLOCATION OF DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISAS.—Section 203 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c);

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “(a), (b), or (c),” and inserting “(a) or (b),”;

(3) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(4) in subsection (f), by striking “(a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “(a) or (b),”;

(5) in subsection (g), by striking “(a), (b), and (c)” and inserting “(a) and (b).”

(c) PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING IMMIGRANT STATUS.—Section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a)(1)(I); and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking “(a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “(a) or (b).”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2006.

**SEC. 304. COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND AND SECURITY CHECKS.**

Section 103 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, or any court shall not—

“(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

“(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Attorney General, the Secretary, or any court,



until such background and security checks as the Secretary may in his discretion require have been completed to the satisfaction of the Secretary.”.

#### SEC. 305. NATURALIZATION AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

(a) NATURALIZATION REFORM.—

(1) BARRING TERRORISTS FROM NATURALIZATION.—Section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) No person shall be naturalized who the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, in the Secretary’s discretion, to have been at any time an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4). Such determination may be based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and shall be binding upon, and unreviewable by, any court exercising jurisdiction under the immigration laws over any application for naturalization, regardless whether such jurisdiction to review a decision or action of the Secretary is de novo or otherwise.”.

(2) CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—The last sentence of section 318 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended—

(A) by striking “shall be considered by the Attorney General” and inserting “shall be considered by the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court”; and

(B) by striking “pursuant to a warrant of arrest issued under the provisions of this or any other Act.” and inserting “or other proceeding to determine the applicants inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicants lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced.”; and

(C) by striking “upon the Attorney General” and inserting “upon the Secretary of Homeland Security”.

(3) PENDING DENATURALIZATION OR REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end “No petition shall be approved pursuant to this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could (whether directly or indirectly) result in the petitioner’s denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner’s lawful permanent resident status.”.

(4) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS.—Section 216(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) and section 216A(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) are each amended by inserting before the period at the end of each such section “, if the alien has had the conditional basis removed under this section”.

(5) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.—Section 336(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews conducted under such section (as such terms are defined in regulations issued by the Secretary), the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. Such court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter to the Secretary for the Secretary’s determination on the application.”.

(6) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 310(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—

(A) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the date of the Secretary’s final determination” before “seek”; and

(B) by striking the second sentence and inserting “The burden shall be upon the petitioner to show that the Secretary’s denial of the application was not supported by facially legitimate and bona fide reasons. Except in a proceeding under section 340, notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and sections 1361 and 1651 of such title, no court shall have jurisdiction to determine, or to review a determination of the Secretary made at any time regarding, for purposes of an application for naturalization, whether an alien is a person of good moral character, whether an alien understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or whether an alien is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States.”.

(7) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall apply to any act that occurred before, on, or after such date, and shall apply to any application for naturalization or any other case or matter under the immigration laws pending on, or filed on or after, such date.

(b) BAR TO GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(A) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) one who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General determines, in the unreviewable discretion of the Secretary or the Attorney General, to have been at any time an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or section 237(a)(4), which determination may be based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and which shall be binding upon any court regardless of the applicable standard of review;”;

(B) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, regardless whether the crime was classified as an aggravated felony at the time of conviction” after “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))”; and

(C) by striking the first sentence in the undesignated paragraph following paragraph (9) and inserting “The fact that any person is not within any of the foregoing classes shall not preclude a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. The Secretary and the Attorney General shall not be limited to the applicant’s conduct during the period for which good moral character is required, but may take into consideration as a basis for determination the applicant’s conduct and acts at any time.”.

(2) AGGRAVATED FELONY EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 509(b) of the Immigration Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-649), as amended by section 306(a)(7) of the Miscellaneous and Technical Immigration and Naturalization Amendments of 1991 (Public Law 102-232), is amended to read as follows:

“(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on November 29, 1990, and shall apply to convictions occurring before, on, or after such date.”.

(3) TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE INTELLIGENCE REFORM ACT.—Section 5504(2) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3741) is amended by striking “adding at the end” and inserting “inserting after paragraph (8) and before the undesignated paragraph at the end”.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall apply to any act that occurred before, on, or

after such date, and shall apply to any application for naturalization or any other benefit or relief or any other case or matter under the immigration laws pending on, or filed on or after, such date; or

(B) INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004.—The amendments made by paragraph (3) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3638).

#### SEC. 306. DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

##### “SEC. 219A. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING IMMIGRATION BENEFITS TO CERTAIN ALIENS.

“Nothing in this Act or any other provision of law shall permit the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

“(1) any alien described in subparagraphs (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of sections 212(a)(3) or subparagraphs (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

“(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien’s inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

“(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.”.

(b) INADMISSIBILITY ON SECURITY AND RELATED GROUNDS.—Section 212(a)(3)(B)(ii)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(ii)(I)) is amended by inserting “is able to demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, that such spouse or child” after “who”.

#### SEC. 307. REPEAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF CERTAIN ALIENS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 245(i).

Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(i)) is repealed.

#### SEC. 308. GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PERSECUTORS.

(a) GENERAL CLASSES OF ALIENS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VISAS AND INELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION.—

(1) PERSECUTION.—Section 212(a)(3)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(E)) is amended—

(A) in the header, by striking “NAZI”; and

(B) by inserting after clause (iii) the following new clause:

“(iv) PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PERSECUTION.—Any alien who ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion is inadmissible.”.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS BY CONSULAR OFFICERS.—Section 212(d)(3)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(A)) by striking “and clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph (3)(E)” both places it appears and inserting “or 3(E)”.

(b) GENERAL CLASSES OF DEPORTABLE ALIENS.—Section 237(a)(4)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)(D)) is amended—

(1) in the header, by striking “NAZI”; and

(2) by striking “or (iii)” and inserting “(iii), or (iv)”.

(c) BAR TO GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—



(1) in paragraph (8), by striking “or”;

(2) in paragraph (9), as added by section 5504(2) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3741), as amended by section 305(b)(3) of this Act, by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “or”;

and

(3) inserting after paragraph (9), as added by section 5504(2) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3741), as amended by section 305(b)(3) of this Act, and before the undesignated paragraph at the end the following new paragraph:

“(10) one who at any time has ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.”.

(d) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.**—Section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)(B)” and inserting “removable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii), subparagraph (B) or (D) or section 237(a)(4), or section 212(a)(3)(E).”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1)(C), by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)(B)” and inserting “removable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii), subparagraph (B) or (D) or section 237(a)(4), or section 212(a)(3)(E).”.

(e) **AIDING OR ASSISTING CERTAIN ALIENS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES.**—Section 277 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1327) is amended by striking “or 212(a)(3) (other than subparagraph (E) thereof)” and inserting “, section 212(a)(3)”.

#### **SEC. 309. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO SEVIS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **PROGRAM TO COLLECT INFORMATION RELATING TO NONIMMIGRANT FOREIGN STUDENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 641(a)(4) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372(a)(4)) is amended—

(A) by striking “Not later than 30 days after the deadline for registering for classes for an academic term” and inserting “Not later than the program start date (for new students) or the next session start date (for continuing students) of an academic term”;

and

(B) by striking “shall report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service any failure of the alien to enroll or to commence participation.” and inserting “shall report to the Secretary of Homeland Security any failure to enroll or to commence participation by the program start date or next session start date, as applicable.”.

(2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) **AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place that term appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

(B) **EXCEPTIONS.**—Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372) is amended—

(i) in subsections (b), (c)(4)(A), (c)(4)(B), (e)(1), (e)(6), and (g) by inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security or the” before “Attorney General” each place that term appears;

(ii) by striking the heading of section (c)(4)(B) and inserting “SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL”;

(iii) in subsection (f), by inserting “the Secretary of Homeland Security,” before “the Attorney General”.

(b) **CLARIFICATION OF RELEASE OF INFORMATION.**—Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon and “and”;

and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I) any other information the Secretary of Homeland Security determines is necessary.”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end “Approved institutions of higher education or other approved educational institutions shall release information regarding alien students referred to in this section to the Secretary of Homeland Security as part of such information collection program or upon request.”.

### **TITLE IV—WORKPLACE ENFORCEMENT AND IDENTIFICATION INTEGRITY**

#### **Subtitle A—In General**

##### **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Employment Security Act of 2006”.

##### **SEC. 402. FINDINGS.**

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The failure of Federal, State, and local governments to control and sanction the unauthorized employment and unlawful exploitation of illegal alien workers is a primary cause of illegal immigration.

(2) The use of modern technology not available in 1986, when the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-603; 100 Stat. 3359) created the I-9 worker verification system, will enable employers to rapidly and accurately verify the identity and work authorization of their employees and independent contractors.

(3) The Government and people of the United States share a compelling interest in protection of United States employment authorization, income tax withholding, and social security accounting systems, against unauthorized access by illegal aliens.

(4) Limited data sharing between the Department of Homeland Security, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Social Security Administration is essential to the integrity of these vital programs, which protect the employment and retirement security of all working Americans.

(5) The Federal judiciary must be open to private United States citizens, legal foreign workers, and law-abiding enterprises that seek judicial protection against injury to their wages and working conditions due to unlawful employment of illegal alien workers and the United States enterprises that utilize the labor or services provided by illegal aliens, especially where lack of resources constrains enforcement of Federal immigration law by Federal immigration officials.

#### **Subtitle B—Employment Eligibility Verification System**

##### **SEC. 411. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274A(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) **EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish and administer a verification system, known as the Employment Eligibility Verification System, through which the Secretary—

“(i) responds to inquiries made by persons at any time through a toll-free telephone line and other toll-free electronic media concerning an individual’s identity and whether the individual is authorized to be employed; and

“(ii) maintains records of the inquiries that were made, of verifications provided (or not provided), and of the codes provided to inquirers as evidence of their compliance with their obligations under this section.

“(B) **INITIAL RESPONSE.**—The verification system shall provide verification or a tentative nonverification of an individual’s identity and employment eligibility within 3 working days of the initial inquiry. If providing verification or tentative nonverification, the verification system shall provide an appropriate code indicating such verification or such nonverification.

“(C) **SECONDARY VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF TENTATIVE NONVERIFICATION.**—In cases of tentative nonverification, the Secretary shall specify, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, an available secondary verification process to confirm the validity of information provided and to provide a final verification or nonverification within 10 working days after the date of the tentative nonverification. When final verification or nonverification is provided, the verification system shall provide an appropriate code indicating such verification or nonverification.

“(D) **DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.**—The verification system shall be designed and operated—

“(i) to maximize its reliability and ease of use by persons and other entities consistent with insulating and protecting the privacy and security of the underlying information;

“(ii) to respond to all inquiries made by such persons and entities on whether individuals are authorized to be employed and to register all times when such inquiries are not received;

“(iii) with appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information; and

“(iv) to have reasonable safeguards against the system’s resulting in unlawful discriminatory practices based on national origin or citizenship status, including—

“(I) the selective or unauthorized use of the system to verify eligibility;

“(II) the use of the system prior to an offer of employment; or

“(III) the exclusion of certain individuals from consideration for employment as a result of a perceived likelihood that additional verification will be required, beyond what is required for most job applicants.

“(E) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.**—As part of the verification system, the Commissioner of Social Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security (and any designee of the Secretary selected to establish and administer the verification system), shall establish a reliable, secure method, which, within the time periods specified under subparagraphs (B) and (C), compares the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry against such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to validate (or not validate) the information provided regarding an individual whose identity and employment eligibility must be confirmed, the correspondence of the name and number, and whether the individual has presented a social security account number that is not valid for employment. The Commissioner shall not disclose or release social security information (other than such verification or nonverification) except as provided for in this section or section 205(c)(2)(I) of the Social Security Act.



“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—(i) As part of the verification system, the Secretary of Homeland Security (in consultation with any designee of the Secretary selected to establish and administer the verification system), shall establish a reliable, secure method, which, within the time periods specified under subparagraphs (B) and (C), compares the name and alien identification or authorization number which are provided in an inquiry against such information maintained by the Secretary in order to validate (or not validate) the information provided, the correspondence of the name and number, and whether the alien is authorized to be employed in the United States.

“(ii) When a single employer has submitted to the verification system pursuant to paragraph (3)(A) the identical social security account number in more than one instance, or when multiple employers have submitted to the verification system pursuant to such paragraph the identical social security account number, in a manner which indicates the possible fraudulent use of that number, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct an investigation, within the time periods specified in subparagraphs (B) and (C), in order to ensure that no fraudulent use of a social security account number has taken place. If the Secretary has selected a designee to establish and administer the verification system, the designee shall notify the Secretary when a single employer has submitted to the verification system pursuant to paragraph (3)(A) the identical social security account number in more than one instance, or when multiple employers have submitted to the verification system pursuant to such paragraph the identical social security account number, in a manner which indicates the possible fraudulent use of that number. The designee shall also provide the Secretary with all pertinent information, including the name and address of the employer or employers who submitted the relevant social security account number, the relevant social security account number submitted by the employer or employers, and the relevant name and date of birth of the employee submitted by the employer or employers.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall update their information in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information, including instances in which it is brought to their attention in the secondary verification process described in subparagraph (C).

“(H) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE VERIFICATION SYSTEM AND ANY RELATED SYSTEMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States Government to utilize any information, database, or other records assembled under this subsection for any purpose other than the enforcement and administration of the immigration laws, the Social Security Act, or any provision of Federal criminal law.

“(I) FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.—If an individual alleges that the individual would not have been dismissed from a job but for an error of the verification mechanism, the individual may seek compensation only through the mechanism of the Federal Tort Claims Act, and injunctive relief to correct such error. No class action may be brought under this subparagraph.

“(J) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION.—No person or entity shall be civilly or criminally

liable for any action taken in good faith reliance on information provided through the employment eligibility verification mechanism established under this paragraph.”.

(b) REPEAL OF PROVISION RELATING TO EVALUATIONS AND CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION.—Section 274A(d) (8 U.S.C. 1324a(d)) is repealed.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 412. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3), by inserting “(A)” after “DEFENSE.—”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(B) FAILURE TO SEEK AND OBTAIN VERIFICATION.—In the case of a person or entity in the United States that hires, or continues to employ, an individual, or recruits or refers an individual for employment, the following requirements apply:

“(i) FAILURE TO SEEK VERIFICATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—If the person or entity has not made an inquiry, under the mechanism established under subsection (b)(7), seeking verification of the identity and work eligibility of the individual, by not later than the end of 3 working days (as specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, the date specified in subsection (b)(8)(B) for previously hired individuals, or before the recruiting or referring commences, the defense under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered to apply with respect to any employment, except as provided in subclause (II).

“(II) SPECIAL RULE FOR FAILURE OF VERIFICATION MECHANISM.—If such a person or entity in good faith attempts to make an inquiry in order to qualify for the defense under subparagraph (A) and the verification mechanism has registered that not all inquiries were responded to during the relevant time, the person or entity can make an inquiry until the end of the first subsequent working day in which the verification mechanism registers no nonresponses and qualify for such defense.

“(ii) FAILURE TO OBTAIN VERIFICATION.—If the person or entity has made the inquiry described in clause (i)(I) but has not received an appropriate verification of such identity and work eligibility under such mechanism within the time period specified under subsection (b)(7)(B) after the time the verification inquiry was received, the defense under subparagraph (A) shall not be considered to apply with respect to any employment after the end of such time period.”;

(2) by amending subparagraph (A) of subsection (b)(1) to read as follows:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The person or entity must attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form designated or established by the Secretary by regulation, that it has verified that the individual is not an unauthorized alien by—

“(i) obtaining from the individual the individual's social security account number and recording the number on the form (if the individual claims to have been issued such a number), and, if the individual does not attest to United States citizenship under paragraph (2), obtaining such identification or authorization number established by the Department of Homeland Security for the alien as the Secretary of Homeland Security may specify, and recording such number on the form; and

“(ii)(I) examining a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) examining a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

A person or entity has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of a document if the document reasonably appears on its face to be genuine, reasonably appears to pertain to the individual whose identity and work eligibility is being verified, and, if the document bears an expiration date, that expiration date has not elapsed. If an individual provides a document (or combination of documents) that reasonably appears on its face to be genuine, reasonably appears to pertain to the individual whose identity and work eligibility is being verified, and is sufficient to meet the first sentence of this paragraph, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as requiring the person or entity to solicit the production of any other document or as requiring the individual to produce another document.”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)(D)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “or such other personal identification information relating to the individual as the Attorney General finds, by regulation, sufficient for purposes of this section”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting before the period “and that contains a photograph of the individual”;

(4) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end the following: “The individual must also provide that individual's social security account number (if the individual claims to have been issued such a number), and, if the individual does not attest to United States citizenship under this paragraph, such identification or authorization number established by the Department of Homeland Security for the alien as the Secretary may specify.”;

(5) by amending paragraph (3) of subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(3) RETENTION OF VERIFICATION FORM AND VERIFICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—After completion of such form in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2), the person or entity shall—

“(i) retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of the form and make it available for inspection by officers of the Department of Homeland Security, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, or the Department of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, recruiting, or referral of the individual or the date of the completion of verification of a previously hired individual and ending—

“(I) in the case of the recruiting or referral of an individual, three years after the date of the recruiting or referral;

“(II) in the case of the hiring of an individual, the later of—

“(aa) three years after the date of such hiring; or

“(bb) one year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; and

“(III) in the case of the verification of a previously hired individual, the later of—

“(aa) three years after the date of the completion of verification; or

“(bb) one year after the date the individual's employment is terminated;

“(ii) make an inquiry, as provided in paragraph (7), using the verification system to seek verification of the identity and employment eligibility of an individual, by not later than the end of 3 working days (as specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring or in the case of previously hired individuals, the date specified in subsection (b)(8)(B), or before the recruiting or referring commences; and



“(iii) not commence recruitment or referral of the individual until the person or entity receives verification under subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(iii).—

“(B) VERIFICATION.—

“(i) VERIFICATION RECEIVED.—If the person or other entity receives an appropriate verification of an individual's identity and work eligibility under the verification system within the time period specified, the person or entity shall record on the form an appropriate code that is provided under the system and that indicates a final verification of such identity and work eligibility of the individual.

“(ii) TENTATIVE NONVERIFICATION RECEIVED.—If the person or other entity receives a tentative nonverification of an individual's identity or work eligibility under the verification system within the time period specified, the person or entity shall so inform the individual for whom the verification is sought. If the individual does not contest the nonverification within the time period specified, the nonverification shall be considered final. The person or entity shall then record on the form an appropriate code which has been provided under the system to indicate a tentative nonverification. If the individual does contest the nonverification, the individual shall utilize the process for secondary verification provided under paragraph (7). The nonverification will remain tentative until a final verification or nonverification is provided by the verification system within the time period specified. In no case shall an employer terminate employment of an individual because of a failure of the individual to have identity and work eligibility confirmed under this section until a nonverification becomes final. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such a failure.

“(iii) FINAL VERIFICATION OR NONVERIFICATION RECEIVED.—If a final verification or nonverification is provided by the verification system regarding an individual, the person or entity shall record on the form an appropriate code that is provided under the system and that indicates a verification or nonverification of identity and work eligibility of the individual.

“(iv) EXTENSION OF TIME.—If the person or other entity in good faith attempts to make an inquiry during the time period specified and the verification system has registered that not all inquiries were received during such time, the person or entity may make an inquiry in the first subsequent working day in which the verification system registers that it has received all inquiries. If the verification system cannot receive inquiries at all times during a day, the person or entity merely has to assert that the entity attempted to make the inquiry on that day for the previous sentence to apply to such an inquiry, and does not have to provide any additional proof concerning such inquiry.

“(v) CONSEQUENCES OF NONVERIFICATION.—

“(I) TERMINATION OR NOTIFICATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the person or other entity has received a final nonverification regarding an individual, the person or entity may terminate employment of the individual (or decline to recruit or refer the individual). If the person or entity does not terminate employment of the individual or proceeds to recruit or refer the individual, the person or entity shall notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of such fact through the verification system or in such other manner as the Secretary may specify.

“(II) FAILURE TO NOTIFY.—If the person or entity fails to provide notice with respect to an individual as required under subclause (I), the failure is deemed to constitute a viola-

tion of subsection (a)(1)(A) with respect to that individual.

“(vi) CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT AFTER FINAL NONVERIFICATION.—If the person or other entity continues to employ (or to recruit or refer) an individual after receiving final nonverification, a rebuttable presumption is created that the person or entity has violated subsection (a)(1)(A).”;

(6) by amending paragraph (4) of subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(4) COPYING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.—

“(A) LAWFUL EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person or entity shall retain a copy of each document presented by an individual to the individual or entity pursuant to this subsection. Such copy may only be used (except as otherwise permitted under law) for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection and shall be maintained for a time period to be determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(B) SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—A person or entity shall maintain records of correspondence from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding name and number mismatches or no-matches and the steps taken to resolve such mismatches or no-matches. The employer shall maintain such records for a time period to be determined by the Secretary.

“(C) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—The Secretary may, by regulation, require additional documents to be copied and maintained.”; and

(7) by amending paragraph (5) of subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(5) USE OF ATTESTATION FORM.—A form designated by the Secretary to be used for compliance with this subsection, and any information contained in or appended to such form, may not be used for purposes other than for enforcement of this chapter or of title 18, United States Code.”.

(b) INVESTIGATION NOT A WARRANTLESS ENTRY.—Section 287(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “An investigation authorized pursuant to subsections (b)(7) or (e) of section 274A is not a warrantless entry.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 413. EXPANSION OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM TO PREVIOUSLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS AND RECRUITING AND REFERRING.

(a) APPLICATION TO RECRUITING AND REFERRING.—Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking “for a fee”;

(2) in subsection (a)(1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) to hire, continue to employ, or to recruit or refer for employment in the United States an individual without complying with the requirements of subsection (b).”;

(3) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “after hiring an alien for employment in accordance with paragraph (1),” and inserting “after complying with paragraph (1),”;

(4) in subsection (a)(3), as amended by section 702, is further amended by striking “hiring,” and inserting “hiring, employing,” each place it appears.

(b) EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION FOR PREVIOUSLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS.—Section 274A(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(b)), as amended by section 411(a), is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) USE OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PREVIOUSLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS.—

“(A) ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.—Beginning on the date that is 2 years after the date of the

enactment of the Employment Security Act of 2006 and until the date specified in subparagraph (B)(iii), a person or entity may make an inquiry, as provided in paragraph (7), using the verification system to seek verification of the identity and employment eligibility of any individual employed by the person or entity, as long as it is done on a nondiscriminatory basis.

“(B) ON A MANDATORY BASIS.—

“(i) INITIAL COMPLIANCE.—A person or entity described in clause (ii) shall make an inquiry as provided in paragraph (7), using the verification system to seek verification of the identity and employment eligibility of all individuals employed by the person or entity who have not been previously subject to an inquiry by the person or entity by the date 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Employment Security Act of 2006.

“(ii) PERSON OR ENTITY COVERED.—A person or entity is described in this clause if it is a Federal, State, or local governmental body (including the Armed Forces of the United States), or if it employs individuals working in a location that is a Federal, State, or local government building, a military base, a nuclear energy site, a weapon site, an airport, or that contains critical infrastructure (as defined in section 1016(e) of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e))), but only to the extent of such individuals.

“(iii) SUBSEQUENT COMPLIANCE.—All persons and entities other than a person or entity described in clause (ii) shall make an inquiry, as provided in paragraph (7), using the verification system to seek verification of the identity and employment eligibility of all individuals employed by the person or entity that have not been previously subject to an inquiry by the person or entity by the date 6 years after the date of the enactment of the Employment Security Act of 2006.”.

#### SEC. 414. EXTENSION OF PREEMPTION TO REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION OF DAY LABORER SHELTERS.

Paragraph 274A(h)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “imposing”, and inserting a dash and “(A) imposing”;

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) Requiring as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.”.

#### SEC. 415. BASIC PILOT PROGRAM.

Section 401(b) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note) is amended by striking “at the end of the 11-year period beginning on the first day the pilot program is in effect” and inserting “2 years after the date of the enactment of the Employment Security Act of 2006”.

#### SEC. 416. PROTECTION FOR UNITED STATES WORKERS AND INDIVIDUALS REPORTING IMMIGRATION LAW VIOLATIONS.

Section 274B(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324b(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO REPORT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rights protected by this subsection include the right of any individual to report a violation or suspected violation of any immigration law to the Secretary of Homeland Security or a law enforcement agency.”.



**SEC. 417. PENALTIES.**

(a) **CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—Section 274A(e)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(e)(4)) is amended to read:

“(4) **CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—

“(A) **KNOWINGLY HIRING UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—Any person or entity that violates subsection (a)(1)(A) shall—

“(i) in the case of a first offense, be fined \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien;

“(ii) in the case of a second offense, be fined \$50,000 for each unauthorized alien; and

“(iii) in the case of a third or subsequent offense, be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years, or both.

“(B) **CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—Any person or entity that violates subsection (a)(2) shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years, or both.”

(b) **PAPERWORK OR VERIFICATION VIOLATIONS.**—Section 274A(e)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read:

“(5) **PAPERWORK OR VERIFICATION VIOLATIONS.**—Any person or entity that violates subsection (a)(1)(B) shall—

“(A) in the case of a first offense, be fined \$1,000 for each violation;

“(B) in the case of a second violation, be fined \$5,000 for each violation; and

“(C) in the case of a third and subsequent violation, be fined \$10,000 for each such violation.”

(c) **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.**—Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(10) **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.**—

“(A) **EMPLOYERS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that a person or entity that employs an alien is a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, such person or entity shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs for a 2-year period.

“(ii) **WAIVER.**—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General, may waive the application of this subparagraph or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment imposed under it.

“(iii) **PROHIBITION ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.**—Any proposed debarment that is predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General may not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation may not be reviewed by any court.

“(B) **CONTRACTORS AND RECIPIENTS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that a person or entity that employs an alien and holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, such person or entity shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. Prior to debarring the employer, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise the head of each agency holding such a contract, grant, or coopera-

tive agreement with person or entity of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(ii) **WAIVER.**—After consideration of the views of the head of each such agency, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years, waive application of this subparagraph, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(iii) **PROHIBITION ON REVIEW.**—Any proposed debarment that is predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General may not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation may not be reviewed by any court.

“(C) **CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION.**—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this paragraph shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(D) **APPLICABILITY.**—The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement that is effective on or after the date of the enactment of the Employment Security Act of 2006.”

(d) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.**—Section 274A(f)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—Any person or entity engages in a pattern or practice of violations of subsection (a)(1) or (2) shall be fined not more than \$50,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to which such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not less than 3 years and not more than 5 years, or both, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Federal law relating to fine levels. The amount of the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such proceeds, shall be seized and subject to forfeiture under title 18, United States Code.”

(e) **AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—Subsections (b)(2) and (f)(2) of section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) are amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**Subtitle C—Work Eligibility Verification Reform in the Social Security Administration**

**SEC. 421. VERIFICATION RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.**

The Commissioner of Social Security is authorized to perform activities with respect to carrying out the Commissioner's responsibilities in this title or the amendments made by this title, however in no case shall funds from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund be used to carry out such responsibilities.

**SEC. 422. NOTIFICATION BY COMMISSIONER OF FAILURE TO CORRECT SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION.**

The Commissioner of Social Security shall promptly notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the failure of any individual to provide, upon any request of the Commis-

sioner made pursuant to section 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)), evidence necessary, under such section to—

(1) establish the age, citizenship, immigration or work eligibility status of the individual;

(2) establish such individual's true identity; or

(3) determine which (if any) social security account number has previously been assigned to such individual.

**SEC. 423. RESTRICTION ON ACCESS AND USE.**

Section 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I)(i) Access to any information contained in the Employment Eligibility Verification System established section 274A(b)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, shall be prohibited for any purpose other than the administration or enforcement of Federal immigration, social security, and tax laws, any provision of title 18, United States Code, or as otherwise authorized by Federal law.

“(ii) No person or entity may use the information in such Employment Eligibility Verification System for any purpose other than as permitted by Federal law.

“(iii) Whoever knowingly uses, discloses, publishes, or permits the unauthorized use of information in such Employment Eligibility Verification System in violation of clause (i) or (ii) shall be fined not more than \$10,000 per individual injured by such violation. The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish procedure to ensure that 60 percent of any fine imposed under this clause is awarded to the individual injured by such violation.”

**SEC. 424. SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.**

Section 205(c)(2)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(H)) is amended to read as follows:

“(H) The Commissioner of Social Security shall share with the Secretary of the Treasury—

“(i) the information obtained by the Commissioner pursuant to the second sentence of subparagraph (B)(ii) and to subparagraph (C)(ii) for the purpose of administering those sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that grant tax benefits based on support or residence of children; and

“(ii) information relating to the detection of wages or income from self-employment of unauthorized aliens (as defined by section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a)), or the investigation of false statements or fraud by such persons incident to the administration of immigration, social security, or tax laws of the United States.

Information disclosed under this subparagraph shall be solely for the use of the officers and employees to whom such information is disclosed in such response or investigation.”

**SEC. 425. SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

(a) **AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.**—Section 205(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)), as amended by section 423, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(J) Upon the issuance of a social security account number under subparagraph (B) to any individual or the issuance of a Social Security card under subparagraph (G) to any individual, the Commissioner of social security shall transmit to the Secretary of Homeland Security such information received by the Commissioner in the individual's application for such number or such card as the Secretary of Homeland Security determines necessary and appropriate for administration of the immigration laws of the United States.”



(b) AMENDMENTS TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—

(1) FORMS AND PROCEDURES.—Section 264(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1304(f)) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of title 26, United States Code), the Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of Labor and the Attorney General are authorized to require any individual to provide the individual's own social security account number for purposes of inclusion in any record of the individual maintained by any of any such Secretary or the Attorney General, or for inclusion on any application, document, or form provided under or required by the immigration laws.”.

(2) CENTRAL FILE.—Section 290(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1360(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of title 26, United States Code) if earnings are reported on or after January 1, 1997, to the Commissioner of Social Security on a social security account number issued to an alien who is not authorized to work in the United States, the Commissioner shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of the alien, the name and address of the person reporting the earnings, and the amount of the earnings. The information shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of title 26, United States Code), the Commissioner of Social Security shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of an individual, as well as the name and address of the person reporting the earnings, in any case where a social security account number does not match the name in the Social Security Administration record. The information shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary for the sole purpose of enforcing the immigration laws. The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner, may limit or modify these requirements as appropriate to identify those cases posing the highest possibility of fraudulent use of social security account numbers related to violation of the immigration laws.

“(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of title 26, United States Code), the Commissioner of Social Security shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security information regarding the name, date of birth, and address of an individual, as well as the name and address of the person reporting the earnings, in any case where the individual has more than one person reporting earnings for the individual during a single tax year and where a social security number was used with multiple names. The information shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary for the sole purpose of enforcing the immigration laws. The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner, may limit or modify these requirements as appropriate to identify those cases posing the highest possibility of fraudulent use of social security account numbers related to violation of the immigration laws.

“(5)(A) The Commissioner of Social Security shall perform, at the request of the Secretary of Homeland Security, any search or manipulation of records held by the Commissioner, so long as the Secretary certifies that the purpose of the search or manipulation is to obtain information likely to assist in identifying individuals (and their employers) who—

“(i) are using false names or social security numbers; who are sharing among multiple individuals a single valid name and social security number;

“(ii) are using the social security number of persons who are deceased, too young to work or not authorized to work; or

“(iii) are otherwise engaged in a violation of the immigration laws.

“(B) The Commissioner shall provide the results of such search or manipulation to the Secretary, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 6103 of title 26, United States Code). The Secretary shall transfer to the Commissioner the funds necessary to cover the additional cost directly incurred by the Commissioner in carrying out the searches or manipulations reported by the Secretary.”.

#### Subtitle D—Sharing of Information

#### SEC. 431. SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.

(a) AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 6103(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.—

“(A) Upon receipt by the Secretary of the Treasury of a written request, by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Commissioner of Social Security, the Secretary of the Treasury shall disclose return information to officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration who are personally and directly engaged in—

“(i) preparation for any judicial or administrative civil or criminal enforcement proceeding against an alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), other than the adjudication of any application for a change in immigration status or other benefit by such alien, or

“(ii) preparation for a civil or criminal enforcement proceeding against a citizen or national of the United States under section 274, 274A, or 274C of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, 1324a, or 1324c), or

“(iii) any investigation which may result in the proceedings enumerated in clauses (i) and (ii) above.

“(B) LIMITATION ON USE AND RETENTION OF TAX RETURN INFORMATION.—

“(i) Information disclosed under this paragraph shall be solely for the use of the officers and employees to whom such information is disclosed in such response or investigation.

“(ii) Should the proceeding for which such information has been disclosed not commence within 3 years after the date on which the information has been disclosed by the Secretary, the information shall be returned to the Secretary in its entirety, and shall not be retained in any form by the requestor, unless the taxpayer is notified in writing as to the information that has been retained.”.

(b) AMENDMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) NO-MATCH NOTICE.—

“(1) NO-MATCH NOTICE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘no-match notice’ means a written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.

“(2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—

“(A) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (includ-

ing section 6103 of title 26, United States Code), the Commissioner shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with information relating to employers who have received no-match notices and, upon request, with such additional information as the Secretary certifies is necessary to administer or enforce the immigration laws.

“(B) FORM OF INFORMATION.—The information shall be provided in an electronic form agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Secretary.

“(C) USE OF INFORMATION.—A no-match notice received by the Secretary from the Commissioner may be used as evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding.

“(3) OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

“(A) VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner, is authorized to establish by regulation requirements for verifying the identity and work authorization of an employee who is the subject of a no-match notice.

“(B) PENALTIES.—The Secretary is authorized to establish by regulation penalties for failure to comply with this subsection.

“(C) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITIES.—This authority in this subsection is provided in aid of the Secretary's authority to administer and enforce the immigration laws, and nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to establish any regulation regarding the administration or enforcement of laws otherwise relating to taxation or the Social Security system.”.

#### Subtitle E—Identification Document Integrity

#### SEC. 441. CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

(a) ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), for purposes of personal identification, no agency, commission, entity, or agent of the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government may accept, acknowledge, recognize, or rely on any identification document issued by the government of a foreign country, unless otherwise mandated by Federal law.

(2) AGENT DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘agent’ shall include the following:

(A) A Federal contractor or grantee.

(B) An institution or entity exempted from Federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(C) A financial institution required to ask for identification under section 5318(l) of title 31, United States Code.

(3) EXCEPTIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States may present for purposes of personal identification an official identification document issued by the government of a foreign country or other foreign identification document recognized pursuant to a treaty entered into by the United States, if—

(i) such individual simultaneously presents valid verifiable documentation of lawful presence in the United States issued by the appropriate agency of the Federal Government;

(ii) reporting a violation of law or seeking government assistance in an emergency;

(iii) the document presented is a passport issued to a citizen or national of a country that participates in the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) by the government of such country; or

(iv) such use is expressly permitted under other provision of Federal law.

(B) NONAPPLICATION.—The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

(i) inspections of alien applicants for admission to the United States; or



(ii) verification of personal identification of persons outside the United States.

(4) **LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue and maintain an updated public listing, compiled in consultation with the Secretary of State, and including sample facsimiles, of all acceptable Federal documents that satisfy the requirements of paragraph (3)(A).

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONAL IDENTITY.**—Section 274C(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324c(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma and “or”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

“(7) to use to establish personal identity, before any agent of the Federal Government, or before any agency of the Federal Government or of a State or any political subdivision therein, a travel or identification document issued by a foreign government that is not accepted by the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish personal identity for purposes of admission to the United States at a port of entry, except—

“(A) in the case of a person who is not a citizen of the United States—

“(i) the person simultaneously presents valid verifiable documentation of lawful presence in the United States issued by an agency of the Federal Government;

“(ii) the person is reporting a violation of law or seeking government assistance in an emergency; or

“(iii) such use is expressly permitted by Federal law.”.

**SEC. 442. MACHINE-READABLE TAMPER-RESISTANT IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “**ENTRY AND EXIT DOCUMENTS**” and inserting “**TRAVEL, ENTRY, AND EVIDENCE OF STATUS DOCUMENTS**”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the Attorney General” and inserting “The Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” each place it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) **OTHER DOCUMENTS.**—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of immigrant, non-immigrant, parole, asylee, or refugee status, shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to electronically verify the identity and status of the alien.

“(e) **FUNDING.**—

“(1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section, including reimbursements to international and domestic standards organizations.

“(2) **FEE.**—During any fiscal year for which appropriations sufficient to issue documents described in subsection (d) are not made pursuant to law, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to implement and collect a fee sufficient to cover the direct cost of issuance of such document from the alien to whom the document will be issued.

“(3) **EXCEPTION.**—The fee described in paragraph (2) may not be levied against nationals of a foreign country if the Secretary of

Homeland has determined that the total estimated population of such country who are unlawfully present in the United States does not exceed 3,000 aliens.”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-173; 116 Stat. 543) is amended by striking the item relating to section 303 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 303. Machine-readable, tamper-resistant travel, entry, and evidence of status documents.”.

#### **Subtitle F—Effective Date; Authorization of Appropriations**

##### **SEC. 451. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Except as otherwise specially provided in this Act, the provisions of this title shall take effect not later than 45 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

##### **SEC. 452. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

In addition to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this title.

#### **TITLE V—PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT**

##### **Subtitle A—Criminal and Civil Penalties**

##### **SEC. 501. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324) is amended to read as follows:

##### **“SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**

“(a) **CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**—Whoever—

“(A) assists, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to attempt to come to or enter the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to or enter the United States;

“(B) assists, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, regardless of whether such person has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien;

“(C) assists, encourages, directs, or induces a person to reside in or remain in the United States, or to attempt to reside in or remain in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in or remain in the United States;

“(D) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, where the transportation or movement will aid or further in any manner the person’s illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

“(E) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States;

“(F) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from one country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the person is in fact seeking to enter the United States without official permission or lawful authority; or

“(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the preceding acts,

shall be punished as provided in paragraph (2), regardless of any official action which

may later be taken with respect to such alien.

“(2) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—A person who violates the provisions of paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (D) through (H), in the case where the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, be imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (H), where the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) in the case of a first violation of this subparagraph, be imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both; and

“(ii) for any subsequent violation, be imprisoned for not less than 3 years nor more than 20 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(C) in the case where the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain and involved 2 or more aliens other than the offender, be imprisoned for not less than 3 nor more than 20 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(D) in the case where the offense furthers or aids the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, be imprisoned for not less than 5 nor more than 20 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(E) in the case where any participant in the offense created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to another person, including—

“(i) transporting a person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting a person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting or harboring a person in a crowded, dangerous, or inhumane manner, be imprisoned not less than 5 nor more than 20 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(F) in the case where the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 1365 of title 18, United States Code, including any conduct that would violate sections 2241 or 2242 of title 18, United States Code, if the conduct occurred in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States) to any person, be imprisoned for not less than 7 nor more than 30 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both;

“(G) in the case where the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was an alien—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in such terrorist activity, be imprisoned for not less than 10 nor more than 30 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both; and

“(H) in the case where the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, be punished by death or imprisoned for not less than 10 years, or any term of years, or for life, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both.

“(3) **EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.**—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) **EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly hires for



employment at least 10 individuals with actual knowledge that the individuals are aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—A alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3)); and

“(B) has been brought into the United States in violation of subsection (a).

“(c) SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any property, real or personal, that has been used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, including section 981(d) of such title, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in that section shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO ARREST.—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class, and all other officers whose duty it is to enforce criminal laws.

“(e) ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE.—

“(1) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, in determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, any of the following shall be prima facie evidence that an alien involved in the violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside, remain, or be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided, remained or been present in the United States in violation of law:

“(A) Any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien's status or lack thereof made by a federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or an immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder.

“(B) An official record of the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien's status or lack thereof.

“(C) Testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien's status or lack thereof.

“(2) VIDEOTAPED TESTIMONY.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped (or otherwise audiovisually preserved) deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition and the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or the regulations prescribed thereunder. Such term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law, nor does it include authority that has been

sought but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside, remain, or be in the United States if such coming to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(2) The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present, or any country from which or to which the alien is traveling or moving.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to section 274 in the table of contents of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”.

#### SEC. 502. EVASION OF INSPECTION OR VIOLATION OF ARRIVAL, REPORTING, ENTRY, OR CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end a new section as follows:

#### “§ 554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements

“(a) PROHIBITION.—A person shall be punished as described in subsection (b) if such person—

“(1) attempts to elude or eludes customs, immigration, or agriculture inspection or fails to stop at the command of an officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States at a port of entry or customs or immigration checkpoint; or

“(2) intentionally violates an arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirement of—

“(A) section 107 of the Federal Plant Pest Act (7 U.S.C. 105ff);

“(B) section 10 of the Act of August 20, 1912 (7 U.S.C. 164(a));

“(C) section 7 of the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2806);

“(D) the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-98; 95 Stat. 1213);

“(E) section 431, 433, 434, or 459 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1431, 1433, 1434, and 1459);

“(F) section 10 of the Act of August 20, 1890 (21 U.S.C. 105);

“(G) section 2 of the Act of February 2, 1903 (21 U.S.C. 111);

“(H) section 4197 of the Revised Statutes (46 U.S.C. App. 91); or

“(I) the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

“(b) PENALTIES.—A person who commits an offense described in subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) fined under this title;

“(2)(A) imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if in commission of this violation, attempts to inflict or inflicts bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g) of this title); or

“(C) imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, if death results, and may be sentenced to death; or

“(3) both fined and imprisoned under this subsection.

“(c) CONSPIRACY.—If 2 or more persons conspire to commit an offense described in subsection (a), and 1 or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punishable as a principal, except that the sentence of death may not be imposed.

“(d) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.—For the purposes of seizure and forfeiture under applicable law, in the case of use of a vehicle or other conveyance in the commission of this offense, or in the case of disregarding or dis-

obeying the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States under section 111(b) of this title, such conduct shall constitute prima facie evidence of smuggling aliens or merchandise.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end:

“554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.”.

(b) FAILURE TO OBEY BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDERS OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Whoever willfully disregards or disobeys the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of official duties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.”.

#### SEC. 503. IMPROPER ENTRY BY, OR PRESENCE OF, ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 275 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “UNLAWFUL PRESENCE;” after “IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE;”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (b), any alien”;

(B) by striking “or” before (3);

(C) by inserting after “concealment of a material fact,” the following: “or (4) is otherwise present in the United States in violation of the immigration laws or the regulations prescribed thereunder;” and

(D) by striking “6 months” and inserting “one year”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c)(1) Whoever—

“(A) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

“(B) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

“(i) in an application or document arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States or the regulations prescribed thereunder; or

“(ii) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals);

shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) Whoever—

“(A) knowingly enters into two or more marriages for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

“(B) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates two or more marriages designed or intended to evade any provision of the immigration laws;

shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not less than 2 years nor more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) An offense under this subsection continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

“(4) For purposes of this section, the term ‘proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.”

(4) in subsection (d)—



(A) by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;

(B) by adding at the end the following: “An offense under this subsection continues until the fraudulent nature of the commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer.”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(e)(1) Any alien described in paragraph (2)—

“(A) shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both, if the offense described in such paragraph was committed subsequent to a conviction or convictions for commission of three or more misdemeanors involving drugs, crimes against the person, or both, or a felony;

“(B) whose violation was subsequent to conviction for a felony for which the alien received a sentence of 30 months or more, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both; or

“(C) whose violation was subsequent to conviction for a felony for which the alien received a sentence of 60 months or more, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(2) An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) enters or attempts to enter the United States at any time or place other than as designated by immigration officers;

“(B) eludes examination or inspection by immigration officers;

“(C) attempts to enter or obtains entry to the United States by a willfully false or misleading representation or the willful concealment of a material fact; or

“(D) is otherwise present in the United States in violation of the immigration laws or the regulations prescribed thereunder.

“(3) The prior convictions in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) are elements of those crimes and the penalties in those subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction (or convictions) that form the basis for the additional penalty are alleged in the indictment or information and are proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant in pleading guilty. Any admissible evidence may be used to show that the prior conviction is a qualifying crime, and the criminal trial for a violation of this section shall not be bifurcated.

“(4) An offense under subsection (a) or paragraph (1) of this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by immigration officers.

“(f) For purposes of this section, the term ‘attempts to enter’ refers to the general intent of the alien to enter the United States and does not refer to the intent of the alien to violate the law.”.

(b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in the amendment made by subsection (a) may be construed to limit the authority of any State or political subdivision therein to enforce criminal trespass laws against aliens whom a law enforcement agency has verified to be present in the United States in violation of this Act or the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

#### **SEC. 504. FEES AND EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.**

(a) **EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FEES.**—Section 286 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) **FEES AND COSTS.**—The provisions of section 2412, title 28, United States Code, shall not apply to civil actions arising under or related to the immigration laws, including any action under—

“(1) any provision of title 5, United States Code;

“(2) any application for a writ of habeas corpus under section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision; or

“(3) any action under section 1361 or 1651 of title 28, United States Code, that involves or is related to the enforcement or administration of the immigration laws with respect to any person or entity.”.

(b) **EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Section 286 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(x) **EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’)

“(2) **DEPOSITS.**—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall be used by the Secretary of Homeland Security for the purposes of enhancing employer compliance with section 274A, compliance training, and outreach.

“(4) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a), as amended by section 431(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) **DEPOSITS OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—Amounts collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary of Homeland Security into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(x).”.

#### **SEC. 505. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 276 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking all that follows “United States” the first place it appears and inserting a comma;

(B) in the matter following paragraph (2), by striking “imprisoned not more than 2 years,” and inserting “imprisoned for a term of not less than 1 year and not more than 2 years.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “It shall be an affirmative defense to an offense under this subsection that (A) prior to an alien’s reentry at a place outside the United States or an alien’s application for admission from foreign contiguous territory, the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien’s reapplying for admission; or (B) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, such alien was not required to obtain such advance consent under this Act or any prior Act.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “imprisoned not more than 10 years,” and insert “imprisoned for a term of not less than 5 years and not more than 10 years.”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “imprisoned not more than 20 years,” and insert “imprisoned for a term of not less than 10 years and not more than 20 years.”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “. or” and inserting “; or”;

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking “imprisoned for not more than 10 years,” and insert

“imprisoned for a term of not less than 5 years and not more than 10 years.”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following: “The prior convictions in paragraphs (1) and (2) are elements of enhanced crimes and the penalties under such paragraphs shall apply only where the conviction (or convictions) that form the basis for the additional penalty are alleged in the indictment or information and are proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant in pleading guilty. Any admissible evidence may be used to show that the prior conviction is a qualifying crime and the criminal trial for a violation of either such paragraph shall not be bifurcated.”;

(3) in subsections (b)(3), (b)(4), and (c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) by inserting “(as in effect before the effective date of the amendments made by section 305 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-597)), or removed under section 241(a)(4),” after “242(h)(2)”;

(B) by striking “(unless the Attorney General has expressly consented to such alien’s reentry)”;

(C) by inserting “or removal” after “time of deportation”; and

(D) by inserting “or removed” after “reentry of deported”;

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by striking “deportation order” and inserting “deportation or removal order”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or removal” after “deportation”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) For purposes of this section, the term ‘attempts to enter’ refers to the general intent of the alien to enter the United States and does not refer to the intent of the alien to violate the law.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to criminal proceedings involving aliens who enter, attempt to enter, or are found in the United States, after such date.

#### **SEC. 506. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DOCUMENT FRAUD, BENEFIT FRAUD, AND FALSE CLAIMS OF CITIZENSHIP.**

(a) **CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DOCUMENT FRAUD.**—Section 274C(d)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324c(d)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$250 and not more than \$2,000” and inserting “\$500 and not more than \$4,000”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$2,000 and not more than \$5,000” and inserting “\$4,000 and not more than \$10,000”.

(b) **FRAUD AND FALSE STATEMENTS.**—Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1015, by striking “not more than 5 years” and inserting “not more than 10 years”; and

(2) in section 1028(b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “15 years” and inserting “20 years”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “5 years” and inserting “6 years”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “20 years” and inserting “25 years”; and

(D) in paragraph (6), by striking “one year” and inserting “2 years”.

(c) **DOCUMENT FRAUD.**—Section 1546 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “not more than 25 years” and inserting “not less than 25 years”



(B) by inserting “and if the terrorism of offense resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for life,” after “section 2331 of this title);”;

(C) by striking “20 years” and inserting “imprisoned not more than 40 years”;

(D) by striking “10 years” and inserting “imprisoned not more than 20 years”;

(E) by striking “15 years” and inserting “imprisoned not more than 25 years”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”.

(d) CRIMES OF VIOLENCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 51 the following:

#### “CHAPTER 52—ILLEGAL ALIENS

“Sec.

“1131. Enhanced penalties for certain crimes committed by illegal aliens.

#### “§ 1131. Enhanced penalties for certain crimes committed by illegal aliens

“(a) Any alien unlawfully present in the United States, who commits, or conspires or attempts to commit, a crime of violence or a drug trafficking crime (as such terms are defined in section 924), shall be fined under this title and sentenced to not less than 5 years in prison.

“(b) If an alien who violates subsection (a) was previously ordered removed under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on the grounds of having committed a crime, the alien shall be sentenced to not less than 15 years in prison.

“(c) A sentence of imprisonment imposed under this section shall run consecutively to any other sentence of imprisonment imposed for any other crime.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters at the beginning of part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 51 the following:

#### “52. Illegal aliens ..... 1131”. SEC. 507. RENDERING INADMISSIBLE AND DEPORTABLE ALIENS PARTICIPATING IN CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.

(a) INADMISSIBLE.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(J) CRIMINAL STREET GANG PARTICIPATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any alien is inadmissible if—

“(I) the alien has been removed under section 237(a)(2)(F); or

“(II) the consular officer or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows, or has reasonable ground to believe that the alien—

“(aa) is a member of a criminal street gang and has committed, conspired, or threatened to commit, or seeks to enter the United States to engage solely, principally, or incidentally in, a gang crime or any other unlawful activity; or

“(bb) is a member of a criminal street gang designated under section 219A.

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subparagraph:

“(I) CRIMINAL STREET GANG.—The term ‘criminal street gang’ means an ongoing group, club organization or informal association of 5 or more persons who engage, or have engaged within the past 5 years in a continuing series of 3 or more gang crimes (1 of which is a crime of violence, as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code).

“(II) GANG CRIME.—The term ‘gang crime’ means conduct constituting any Federal or State crime, punishable by imprisonment for 1 year or more, in any of the following categories:

“(aa) A crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code).

“(bb) A crime involving obstruction of justice, tampering with or retaliating against a witness, victim, or informant, or burglary.

“(cc) A crime involving the manufacturing, importing, distributing, possessing with intent to distribute, or otherwise dealing in a controlled substance or listed chemical (as those terms are defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)).

“(dd) Any conduct punishable under section 844 of title 18, United States Code (relating to explosive materials), subsection (d), (g)(1) (where the underlying conviction is a violent felony (as defined in section 924(e)(2)(B) of such title) or is a serious drug offense (as defined in section 924(e)(2)(A)), (i), (j), (k), (o), (p), (q), (u), or (x) of section 922 of such title (relating to unlawful acts), or subsection (b), (c), (g), (h), (k), (l), (m), or (n) of section 924 of such title (relating to penalties), section 930 of such title (relating to possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in Federal facilities), section 931 of such title (relating to purchase, ownership, or possession of body armor by violent felons), sections 1028 and 1029 of such title (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents or access devices), section 1952 of such title (relating to interstate and foreign travel or transportation in aid of racketeering enterprises), section 1956 of such title (relating to the laundering of monetary instruments), section 1957 of such title (relating to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity), or sections 2312 through 2315 of such title (relating to interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles or stolen property).

“(ee) Any conduct punishable under section 274 (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens), section 277 (relating to aiding or assisting certain aliens to enter the United States), or section 278 (relating to importation of alien for immoral purpose) of this Act.”.

(b) DEPORTABLE.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) CRIMINAL STREET GANG PARTICIPATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—An alien is deportable if the alien—

“(I) is a member of a criminal street gang and is convicted of committing, or conspiring, threatening, or attempting to commit, a gang crime; or

“(II) is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a member of a criminal street gang designated under section 219A.

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the terms ‘criminal street gang’ and ‘gang crime’ have the meaning given such terms in section 212(a)(2)(J)(ii).”.

(c) DESIGNATION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### “SEC. 219A. DESIGNATION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.

“(a) DESIGNATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is authorized to designate a group or association as a criminal street gang in accordance with this subsection if the Attorney General finds that the group or association meets the criteria described in section 212(a)(2)(J)(ii)(I).

“(2) PROCEDURE.—

“(A) NOTICE.—

“(i) TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.—Seven days before making a designation under this subsection, the Attorney General shall, by classified communication, notify the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the

Senate, and the members of the relevant committees, in writing, of the intent to designate a group or association under this subsection, together with the findings made under paragraph (1) with respect to that group or association, and the factual basis therefore.

“(ii) PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER.—The Attorney General shall publish the designation in the Federal Register 7 days after providing the notification under clause (i).

“(B) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—A designation under this subsection shall take effect upon publication under subparagraph (A)(ii).

“(3) RECORD.—In making a designation under this subsection, the Attorney General shall create an administrative record.

“(4) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A designation under this subsection shall be effective for all purposes until revoked under paragraph (5) or (6) or set aside pursuant to subsection (b).

“(B) REVIEW OF DESIGNATION UPON PETITION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall review the designation of a criminal street gang under the procedures set forth in clauses (iii) and (iv) if the designated gang or association files a petition for revocation within the petition period described in clause (ii).

“(ii) PETITION PERIOD.—For purposes of clause (i)—

“(I) if the designated gang or association has not previously filed a petition for revocation under this subparagraph, the petition period begins 2 years after the date on which the designation was made; or

“(II) if the designated gang or association has previously filed a petition for revocation under this subparagraph, the petition period begins 2 years after the date of the determination made under clause (iv) on that petition.

“(iii) PROCEDURES.—Any criminal street gang that submits a petition for revocation under this subparagraph shall provide evidence in that petition that the relevant circumstances described in paragraph (1) are sufficiently different from the circumstances that were the basis for the designation such that a revocation with respect to the gang is warranted.

“(iv) DETERMINATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after receiving a petition for revocation submitted under this subparagraph, the Attorney General shall make a determination as to such revocation.

“(II) PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATION.—A determination made by the Attorney General under this clause shall be published in the Federal Register.

“(III) PROCEDURES.—Any revocation by the Attorney General shall be made in accordance with paragraph (6).

“(C) OTHER REVIEW OF DESIGNATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If in a 4-year period no review has taken place under subparagraph (B), the Attorney General shall review the designation of the criminal street gang in order to determine whether such designation should be revoked pursuant to paragraph (6).

“(ii) PROCEDURES.—If a review does not take place pursuant to subparagraph (B) in response to a petition for revocation that is filed in accordance with that subparagraph, then the review shall be conducted pursuant to procedures established by the Attorney General. The results of such review and the applicable procedures shall not be reviewable in any court.

“(iii) PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF REVIEW.—The Attorney General shall publish any determination made pursuant to this subparagraph in the Federal Register.

“(5) REVOCATION BASED ON CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES.—



“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may revoke a designation made under paragraph (1) at any time, and shall revoke a designation upon completion of a review conducted pursuant to subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (4) if the Attorney General finds that—

“(i) the circumstances that were the basis for the designation have changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation; or

“(ii) the national security of the United States warrants a revocation.

“(B) PROCEDURE.—The procedural requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply to a revocation under this paragraph. Any revocation shall take effect on the date specified in the revocation or upon publication in the Federal Register if no effective date is specified.

“(6) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—The revocation of a designation under paragraph (5) shall not affect any action or proceeding based on conduct committed prior to the effective date of such revocation.

“(7) USE OF DESIGNATION IN HEARING.—If a designation under this subsection has become effective under paragraph (2)(B), an alien in a removal proceeding shall not be permitted to raise any question concerning the validity of the issuance of such designation as a defense or an objection at any hearing.

“(b) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DESIGNATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after publication of the designation in the Federal Register, a group or association designated as a criminal street gang may seek judicial review of the designation in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

“(2) BASIS OF REVIEW.—Review under this subsection shall be based solely upon the administrative record.

“(3) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The court shall hold unlawful and set aside a designation the court finds to be—

“(A) arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law;

“(B) contrary to constitutional right, power, privilege, or immunity;

“(C) in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitation, or short of statutory right;

“(D) lacking substantial support in the administrative record taken as a whole; or

“(E) not in accord with the procedures required by law.

“(4) JUDICIAL REVIEW INVOKED.—The pendency of an action for judicial review of a designation shall not affect the application of this section, unless the court issues a final order setting aside the designation.

“(c) RELEVANT COMMITTEE DEFINED.—As used in this section, the term ‘relevant committees’ means the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 219 the following:

“Sec. 219A. Designation of criminal street gangs.”

#### SEC. 508. MANDATORY DETENTION OF SUSPECTED CRIMINAL STREET GANG MEMBERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 236(c)(1)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(c)(1)(D)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “or 212(a)(2)(J)” after “212(a)(3)(B)”; and

(2) by inserting “or 237(a)(2)(F)” before “237(a)(4)(B)”.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 2007, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the number of aliens detained under the amendments made by subsection (a).

#### SEC. 509. INELIGIBILITY FOR ASYLUM AND PROTECTION FROM REMOVAL.

(a) INAPPLICABILITY OF RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—Section 241(b)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended, in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “who is described in section 212(a)(2)(J)(i) or section 237(a)(2)(F)(i) or who is” after “to an alien”.

(b) INELIGIBILITY FOR ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (v), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause (vii); and

(3) by inserting after clause (v) the following:

“(vi) the alien is described in section 212(a)(2)(J)(i) or section 237(a)(2)(F)(i) (relating to participation in criminal street gangs); or”

(c) DENIAL OF REVIEW OF DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Section 244(c)(2) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) LIMITATION ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There shall be no judicial review of any finding under subparagraph (B) that an alien is described in section 208(b)(2)(A)(vi).”

#### SEC. 510. PENALTIES FOR MISUSING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OR FILING FALSE INFORMATION WITH SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

(a) MISUSE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 208(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 408(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (7), by adding after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) with intent to deceive, discloses, sells, or transfers his own social security account number, assigned to him by the Commissioner of Social Security (in the exercise of the Commissioner’s authority under section 205(c)(2) to establish and maintain records), to any person; or”

(B) in paragraph (8), by adding “or” at the end; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) without lawful authority, offers, for a fee, to acquire for any individual, or to assist in acquiring for any individual, an additional social security account number or a number that purports to be a social security account number;

“(10) willfully acts or fails to act so as to cause a violation of section 205(c)(2)(C)(xii);

“(11) being an officer or employee of any executive, legislative, or judicial agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government or of a State or political subdivision thereof, or a person acting as an agent of such an agency or instrumentality (or an officer or employee thereof or a person acting as an agent thereof) in possession of any individual’s social security account number, willfully acts or fails to act so as to cause a violation of clause (vi)(II), (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii), or (xiv) of section 205(c)(2)(C); or

“(12) being a trustee appointed in a case under title 11, United States Code (or an officer or employee thereof or a person acting as an agent thereof), willfully acts or fails to act so as to cause a violation of clause (x) or (xi) of section 205(c)(2)(C).”

(2) EFFECTIVE DATES.—Paragraphs (7)(D) and (9) of section 208(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by paragraph (1), shall apply with respect to each violation occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act. Paragraphs (10), (11), and (12) of section 208(a) of such Act, as added by paragraph (1)(C), shall apply with respect to each violation occurring on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CONCERNING EMPLOYERS FILING FALSE INFORMATION RETURNS.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Commissioner of Social Security shall submit to Congress an annual report on efforts taken to identify and enforce penalties against employers that file incorrect information returns.

#### SEC. 511. TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS.

(a) TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.—Section 212(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(ii)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Subclause (VII) of clause (i)” and inserting “Subclause (IX) of clause (i)”; and

(2) in subclause (II), by striking “consular officer or Attorney General” and inserting “consular officer, Attorney General, or Secretary of Homeland Security”.

(b) CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.—Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

#### Subtitle B—Detention, Removal, and Departure

#### SEC. 521. VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE REFORM.

(a) ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) IN LIEU OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may permit an alien voluntarily to depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection, in lieu of being subject to proceedings under section 240, if the alien is not described in section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4).”

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—After removal proceedings under section 240 are initiated, the Attorney General may permit an alien voluntarily to depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection, prior to the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge, if the alien is not described in section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4).”

(E) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

(2) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD.—Such section is further amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(3), as redesignated by paragraph (1)(C)—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) IN LIEU OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for a period exceeding 90 days. The Secretary of Homeland Security may require an alien permitted to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”



(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(iii) in subparagraphs (C) and (D), by striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (C)” each place it appears;

(iv) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively; and

(v) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) **PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.**—Permission to depart voluntarily under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for a period exceeding 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has established that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to depart voluntarily under paragraph (2) must post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive posting of a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will be a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “60 days” and inserting “45 days”.

(3) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENTS.**—Subsection (c) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(c) **CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.**—

“(1) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.**—Voluntary departure will be granted only as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review relating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) **CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.**—In connection with the alien's agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security in the exercise of discretion may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT AND EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.**—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including a failure to timely post any required bond), the alien automatically becomes ineligible for the benefits of the agreement, subject to the penalties described in subsection (d), and subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b). However, if an alien agrees to voluntary departure but later files a timely appeal of the immigration judge's decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien's voluntary departure agreement and the consequences thereof, but the alien may not again be granted voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.”.

(4) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Subsection (e) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(e) **ELIGIBILITY.**—

“(1) **PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.**—An alien shall not be permitted to depart voluntarily under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) **ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class or classes of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(2) or (b) for any class or classes of aliens. Notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or non-statutory), including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and section 1361 and 1651 of such title, no court may review any regulation issued under this subsection.”.

(b) **AVOIDING DELAYS IN VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.**—

(1) **ALIEN'S OBLIGATION TO DEPART WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED.**—Subsection (c) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.**—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary of Homeland Security in writing in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien's obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”.

(2) **NO TOLLING.**—Subsection (f) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (statutory or non-statutory), including section 2241 of title 28, United States Code, or any other habeas corpus provision, and section 1361 and 1651 of such title, no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”.

(c) **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.**—

(1) **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.**—Subsection (d) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.**—If an alien is permitted to depart voluntarily under this section and fails voluntarily to depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the following provisions apply:

“(1) **CIVIL PENALTY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The alien will be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000.

“(B) **SPECIFICATION IN ORDER.**—The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record.

“(C) **COLLECTION.**—If the Secretary of Homeland Security thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law.

“(D) **INELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.**—An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this title until any civil penalty under this subsection is paid.

“(2) **INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.**—The alien will be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien's departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249.

“(3) **REOPENING.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subparagraph (B), the alien will be ineligible to reopen a

final order of removal which took effect upon the alien's failure to depart, or the alien's violation of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2).

“(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Subparagraph (A) does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture.

“The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily under this section shall inform the alien of the penalties under this subsection.”.

(2) **IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING STATUTORY PENALTIES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended by paragraph (1).

(d) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED BY STATE OR LOCAL COURTS.**—Section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED BY STATE OR LOCAL COURTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security may permit an alien voluntarily to depart the United States at the alien's own expense under this subsection at any time prior to the scheduling of the first merits hearing, in lieu of applying for another form of relief from removal, if the alien—

“(A) is deportable under section 237(a)(1);

“(B) is charged in a criminal proceeding in a State or local court for which conviction would subject the alien to deportation under paragraphs (2) through (6) of section 237(a); and

“(C) has accepted a plea bargain in such proceeding which stipulates that the alien, after consultation with counsel in such proceeding—

“(i) voluntarily waives application for another form of relief from removal;

“(ii) consents to transportation, under custody of a law enforcement officer of the State or local court, to an appropriate international port of entry where departure from the United States will occur;

“(iii) possesses or will promptly obtain travel documents issued by the foreign state of which the alien is a national or legal resident; and

“(iv) possesses the means to purchase transportation from the port of entry to the foreign state to which the alien will depart from the United States.

“(2) **REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall promptly review an application for voluntary departure for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1). The Secretary shall permit voluntary departure under this subsection unless the State or local jurisdiction is informed in writing not later than 30 days after such application is filed, that the Secretary intends to seek removal under section 240.”.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**—The amendment made by subsection (b)(2) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is entered on or after such date.

## SEC. 522. RELEASE OF ALIENS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—



(1) BONDS.—Section 236(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) may, upon an express finding by an immigration judge, that the alien is not a flight risk and is not a threat to the United States, release the alien on a bond—

“(A) of not less than \$5,000 release an alien;

or

“(B) if the alien is a national of Canada or Mexico, of not less than \$3,000; or.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 236(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226) is amended by inserting “or the Secretary of Homeland Security” after the “Attorney General” each place it appears.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress a report on the number of aliens who are citizens or nationals of a country other than Canada or Mexico who are apprehended along an international land border of the United States between ports of entry.

(b) DETENTION OF ALIENS DELIVERED BY BONDSMEN.—Section 241(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) EFFECT OF PRODUCTION OF ALIEN BY BONDSMAN.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take into custody any alien subject to a final order of removal, and cancel any bond previously posted for the alien, if the alien is produced within the prescribed time limit by the obligor on the bond. The obligor on the bond shall be deemed to have substantially performed all conditions imposed by the terms of the bond, and shall be released from liability on the bond, if the alien is produced within such time limit.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and the amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to all immigration bonds posted before, on, or after such date.

#### SEC. 523. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien, whether or not admitted into the United States, was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act,”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

#### SEC. 524. REINSTATEMENT OF PREVIOUS REMOVAL ORDERS.

Section 241(a)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) REINSTATEMENT OF PREVIOUS REMOVAL ORDERS.—

“(A) REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall remove an alien who is an applicant for admission (other than an admissible alien presenting himself or herself for inspection at a port of entry or an alien paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5)), after having been, on or after September 30, 1996, excluded, deported, or removed, or having departed voluntarily under an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal.

“(B) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The removal described in subparagraph (A) shall not require any proceeding before an immigration judge, and shall be under the prior order of exclusion, deportation, or removal, which is not subject to reopening or review. The alien is not eligible and may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law, with the exception of sections 208 or 241(b)(3) or the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in the case of an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.”.

#### SEC. 525. CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.

Section 240A(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) An alien who is inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(B)(i).”.

#### SEC. 526. DETENTION OF DANGEROUS ALIEN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 241 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears;

(2) in subsection (a)(1)(B), by adding after clause (iii) the following:

“‘If, at that time, the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary (under the authority of this Act), the Secretary shall take the alien into custody for removal, and the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary transfers custody of the alien during the removal period pursuant to law to another Federal agency or a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall begin anew on the date of the alien’s return to the custody of the Secretary.’”.

(3) by amending clause (ii) of subsection (a)(1)(B) to read as follows:

“(ii) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the date the stay of removal is no longer in effect.”;

(4) by amending subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(1) to read as follows:

“(C) SUSPENSION OF PERIOD.—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of 90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order, or to fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspires or acts to prevent the alien’s removal subject to an order of removal.”;

(5) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the end “If a court orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administratively final order of removal, the Secretary in the exercise of discretion may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal.”;

(6) in subsection (a)(3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien’s conduct or activities, or perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien, in order to prevent the alien from absconding, or for the protection of the community, or for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.”;

(7) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “removal period and, if released,” and inserting “removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien”;

(8) by redesignating paragraph (7) of subsection (a) as paragraph (10) and inserting after paragraph (6) of such subsection the following new paragraphs:

“(7) PAROLE.—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary, in the Secretary’s discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) of this Act and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien’s parole or the alien’s removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.

“(8) APPLICATION OF ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO HAVE MADE AN ENTRY.—The rules set forth in subsection (j) shall only apply with respect to an alien who was lawfully admitted the most recent time the alien entered the United States or has otherwise effected an entry into the United States.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of



any action or decision pursuant to paragraphs (6), (7), or (8) or subsection (j) shall be available exclusively in habeas corpus proceedings instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and regulatory) available to the alien as of right.”; and

(9) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO HAVE MADE AN ENTRY.**—

“(1) **APPLICATION.**—The rules set forth in this subsection apply in the case of an alien described in subsection (a)(8).

“(2) **ESTABLISHMENT OF A DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether the aliens should be detained or released on conditions for aliens who—

“(i) have made all reasonable efforts to comply with their removal orders;

“(ii) have complied with the Secretary’s efforts to carry out the removal orders, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure; and

“(iii) have not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

“(B) **DETERMINATION.**—The Secretary shall make a determination whether to release an alien after the removal period in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4). The determination—

“(i) shall include consideration of any evidence submitted by the alien and the history of the alien’s efforts to comply with the order of removal; and

“(ii) may include any information or assistance provided by the Secretary of State or other Federal agency and any other information available to the Secretary of Homeland Security pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

“(3) **AUTHORITY TO DETAIN BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.**—

“(A) **INITIAL 90-DAY PERIOD.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security in the exercise of discretion, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may continue to detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period as provided in subsection (a)(1)(C)).

“(B) **EXTENSION.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary in the exercise of discretion, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may continue to detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized in subparagraph (A)—

“(I) until the alien is removed if the conditions described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (4) apply; or

“(II) pending a determination as provided in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (4).

“(ii) **RENEWAL.**—The Secretary may renew a certification under paragraph (4)(B) every six months without limitation, after providing an opportunity for the alien to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary does not renew a certification, the Secretary may not continue to detain the alien under such paragraph.

“(iii) **DELEGATION.**—Notwithstanding section 103, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in clause (ii), (iii), or (v) of paragraph (4)(B) below the level of the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iv) **HEARING.**—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General provide for a hearing to make the determination described in clause (iv)(II) of paragraph (4)(B).

“(4) **CONDITIONS FOR EXTENSION.**—The conditions for continuation of detention are any of the following:

“(A) The Secretary determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien—

“(i) will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

“(ii) would be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed, but for the alien’s failure or refusal to make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order, or to fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspiracies or acts to prevent removal.

“(B) The Secretary certifies in writing any of the following:

“(i) In consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety.

“(ii) After receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, the release of the alien is likely to have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States.

“(iii) Based on information available to the Secretary (including available information from the intelligence community, and without regard to the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States.

“(iv) The release of the alien will threaten the safety of the community or any person, the conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person, and—

“(I) the alien has been convicted of one or more aggravated felonies described in section 101(a)(43)(A) or of one or more crimes identified by the Secretary by regulation, or of one or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated felonies or such crimes, for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least five years; or

“(II) the alien has committed one or more crimes of violence and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, the alien is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future.

“(v) The release of the alien will threaten the safety of the community or any person, conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person, and the alien has been convicted of at least one aggravated felony.

“(C) Pending a determination under subparagraph (B), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process no later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period as provided in subsection (a)(1)(C)).

“(5) **RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.**—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary in the exercise of discretion may impose conditions on release as provided in subsection (a)(3).

“(6) **REDETENTION.**—The Secretary in the exercise of discretion, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may again detain any alien subject to a final removal order who is released from custody if the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release or to cooperate in the alien’s removal from the United States, or if, upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under

paragraph (1). Paragraphs (6) through (8) of subsection (a) shall apply to any alien returned to custody pursuant to this paragraph, as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(7) **CERTAIN ALIENS WHO EFFECTED ENTRY.**—If an alien has effected an entry into the United States but has neither been lawfully admitted nor physically present in the United States continuously for the 2-year period immediately prior to the commencement of removal proceedings under this Act or deportation proceedings against the alien, the Secretary in the exercise of discretion may decide not to apply subsection (a)(8) and this subsection and may detain the alien without any limitations except those imposed by regulation.”

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect upon the date of the enactment of this Act, and section 241 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, shall apply to—

(1) all aliens subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) acts and conditions occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 527. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement pilot programs in the 6 States with the largest estimated populations of deportable aliens to study the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring devices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders.

#### SEC. 528. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this title.

**SA 3422.** Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3311 submitted by Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike the matter proposed to be inserted and insert the following:

“(n)(1) For purposes of adjustment of status under subsection (a), employment-based immigrant visas shall be made available to an alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) upon the filing of a petition for such a visa by the alien’s employer.

“(2) An alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) may not apply for adjustment of status under this section unless the alien—

“(A) is physically present in the United States; and

“(B) the alien establishes that the alien—

“(i) meets the requirements of section 312; or

“(ii) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study to achieve such an understanding of English and knowledge and understanding of the history and government of the United States.

“(3) An alien who demonstrates that the alien meets the requirements of section 312 may be considered to have satisfied the requirements of that section for purposes of becoming naturalized as a citizen of the United States under title III.



“(4) Filing a petition under paragraph (1) on behalf of an alien or otherwise seeking permanent residence in the United States for such alien shall not constitute evidence of the alien's ineligibility for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(5) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall extend, in 1-year increments, the stay of an alien for whom a labor certification petition filed under section 203(b) or an immigrant visa petition filed under section 204(b) is pending until a final decision is made on the alien's lawful permanent residence.

“(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent an alien having non-immigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) from filing an application for adjustment of status under this section in accordance with any other provision of law.”.

**SA 3423.** Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 submitted by Mr. KYL and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike the matter proposed to be inserted and insert the following:

#### **TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

##### **Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders**

#### **SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

##### **(a) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—**

(1) **PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.**—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 500 the number of positions for full-time active duty port of entry inspectors and provide appropriate training, equipment, and support to such additional inspectors.

##### **(2) INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.—**

(A) **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS.**—Section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “800” and inserting “1000”.

(B) **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.**—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, as amended by subparagraph (A), during each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 200 the number of positions for personnel within the Department assigned to investigate alien smuggling.

##### **(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**

(1) **PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1) of subsection (a).

(2) **BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**—Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (118 Stat. 3734) is amended to read as follows:

#### **“SEC. 5202. INCREASE IN FULL-TIME BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

“(a) **ANNUAL INCREASES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for full-time active-duty border patrol agents within the Department of Homeland Security (above the number of such positions for which funds were appropriated for the preceding fiscal year), by—

- “(1) 2,000 in fiscal year 2006;
- “(2) 2,400 in fiscal year 2007;

“(3) 2,400 in fiscal year 2008;

“(4) 2,400 in fiscal year 2009;

“(5) 2,400 in fiscal year 2010; and

“(6) 2,400 in fiscal year 2011;

“(b) **NORTHERN BORDER.**—In each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2011, in addition to the border patrol agents assigned along the northern border of the United States during the previous fiscal year, the Secretary shall assign a number of border patrol agents equal to not less than 20 percent of the net increase in border patrol agents during each such fiscal year.

“(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.”.

#### **SEC. 102. TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.**

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) **INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.**—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land borders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance of the international land borders of the United States and assessment of the risks to citizens of the United States and foreign policy interests associated with the use of such equipment;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (b) to increase the use of Department of Defense equipment to assist such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by the Secretary of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the report.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

(e) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed as altering or amending the prohibition on the use of any part of the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus under section 1385 of title 18, United States Code.

#### **SEC. 103. INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct all-weather roads and acquire additional vehicle barriers and facilities necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 104. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.**

The Secretary may maintain temporary or permanent checkpoints on roadways in border patrol sectors that are located in proximity to the international border between the United States and Mexico.

#### **SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land borders of the United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.**

(a) **TUCSON SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) **YUMA SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

##### **Subtitle B—Border Security Plans, Strategies, and Reports**

#### **SEC. 111. SURVEILLANCE PLAN.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of existing technologies employed on the international land and maritime borders of the United States.



(2) A description of the compatibility of new surveillance technologies with surveillance technologies in use by the Secretary on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) A description of how the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department is working, or is expected to work, with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department to identify and test surveillance technology.

(4) A description of the specific surveillance technology to be deployed.

(5) Identification of any obstacles that may impede such deployment.

(6) A detailed estimate of all costs associated with such deployment and with continued maintenance of such technologies.

(7) A description of how the Secretary is working with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on safety and airspace control issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan required by this section.

#### **SEC. 112. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BORDER SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a National Strategy for Border Security that describes actions to be carried out to achieve operational control over all ports of entry into the United States and the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall include the following:

(1) The implementation schedule for the comprehensive plan for systematic surveillance described in section 111.

(2) An assessment of the threat posed by terrorists and terrorist groups that may try to infiltrate the United States at locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(3) A risk assessment for all United States ports of entry and all portions of the international land and maritime borders of the United States that includes a description of activities being undertaken—

(A) to prevent the entry of terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband into the United States; and

(B) to protect critical infrastructure at or near such ports of entry or borders.

(4) An assessment of the legal requirements that prevent achieving and maintaining operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(5) An assessment of the most appropriate, practical, and cost-effective means of defending the international land and maritime borders of the United States against threats to security and illegal transit, including intelligence capacities, technology, equipment, personnel, and training needed to address security vulnerabilities.

(6) An assessment of staffing needs for all border security functions, taking into account threat and vulnerability information pertaining to the borders and the impact of new security programs, policies, and technologies.

(7) A description of the border security roles and missions of Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal authorities, and recommendations regarding actions the Secretary can carry out to improve coordination with such authorities to enable border security and enforcement activities to be carried out in a more efficient and effective manner.

(8) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, personal property rights, privacy rights, and civil liberties, including an assessment of efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims, unaccompanied minor aliens, and other vulnerable populations.

(9) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(10) A description of ways to ensure that the free flow of travel and commerce is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(11) An assessment of additional detention facilities and beds that are needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

(12) A description of the performance metrics to be used to ensure accountability by the bureaus of the Department in implementing such Strategy.

(13) A schedule for the implementation of the security measures described in such Strategy, including a prioritization of security measures, realistic deadlines for addressing the security and enforcement needs, an estimate of the resources needed to carry out such measures, and a description of how such resources should be allocated.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the National Strategy for Border Security, the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

(1) State, local, and tribal authorities with responsibility for locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and

(2) appropriate private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and affected communities that have expertise in areas related to border security.

(d) **COORDINATION.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall be consistent with the National Strategy for Maritime Security developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 13, dated December 21, 2004.

(e) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **STRATEGY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the National Strategy for Border Security.

(2) **UPDATES.**—The Secretary shall submit to Congress any update of such Strategy that the Secretary determines is necessary, not later than 30 days after such update is developed.

(f) **IMMEDIATE ACTION.**—Nothing in this section or section 111 may be construed to relieve the Secretary of the responsibility to take all actions necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

#### **SEC. 113. REPORTS ON IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a report on improving the exchange of information related to the security of North America.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of the following:

(1) **SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.**—The progress made toward the de-

velopment of common enrollment, security, technical, and biometric standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of secure documents, including—

(A) technical and biometric standards based on best practices and consistent with international standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of travel documents, including—

- (i) passports;
- (ii) visas; and
- (iii) permanent resident cards;

(B) working with Canada and Mexico to encourage foreign governments to enact laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking, and laws to forbid the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents and to promote information sharing;

(C) applying the necessary pressures and support to ensure that other countries meet proper travel document standards and are committed to travel document verification before the citizens of such countries travel internationally, including travel by such citizens to the United States; and

(D) providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with visa and travel documents.

(2) **IMMIGRATION AND VISA MANAGEMENT.**—The progress of efforts to share information regarding high-risk individuals who may attempt to enter Canada, Mexico, or the United States, including the progress made—

(A) in implementing the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing, signed by Canada and the United States in February 2003; and

(B) in identifying trends related to immigration fraud, including asylum and document fraud, and to analyze such trends.

(3) **VISA POLICY COORDINATION AND IMMIGRATION SECURITY.**—The progress made by Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance the security of North America by cooperating on visa policy and identifying best practices regarding immigration security, including the progress made—

(A) in enhancing consultation among officials who issue visas at the consulates or embassies of Canada, Mexico, or the United States throughout the world to share information, trends, and best practices on visa flows;

(B) in comparing the procedures and policies of Canada and the United States related to visitor visa processing, including—

- (i) application process;
- (ii) interview policy;
- (iii) general screening procedures;
- (iv) visa validity;
- (v) quality control measures; and
- (vi) access to appeal or review;

(C) in exploring methods for Canada, Mexico, and the United States to waive visa requirements for nationals and citizens of the same foreign countries;

(D) in providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with immigration violators;

(E) in developing and implementing an immigration security strategy for North America that works toward the development of a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance automated reporting and risk targeting of international passengers;

(F) in sharing information on lost and stolen passports on a real-time basis among immigration or law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(G) in collecting 10 fingerprints from each individual who applies for a visa.



(4) **NORTH AMERICAN VISITOR OVERSTAY PROGRAM.**—The progress made by Canada and the United States in implementing parallel entry-exit tracking systems that, while respecting the privacy laws of both countries, share information regarding third country nationals who have overstayed their period of authorized admission in either Canada or the United States.

(5) **TERRORIST WATCH LISTS.**—The progress made in enhancing the capacity of the United States to combat terrorism through the coordination of counterterrorism efforts, including the progress made—

(A) in developing and implementing bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States and between Mexico and the United States to govern the sharing of terrorist watch list data and to comprehensively enumerate the uses of such data by the governments of each country;

(B) in establishing appropriate linkages among Canada, Mexico, and the United States Terrorist Screening Center; and

(C) in exploring with foreign governments the establishment of a multilateral watch list mechanism that would facilitate direct coordination between the country that identifies an individual as an individual included on a watch list, and the country that owns such list, including procedures that satisfy the security concerns and are consistent with the privacy and other laws of each participating country.

(6) **MONEY LAUNDERING, CURRENCY SMUGGLING, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.**—The progress made in improving information sharing and law enforcement cooperation in combating organized crime, including the progress made—

(A) in combating currency smuggling, money laundering, alien smuggling, and trafficking in alcohol, firearms, and explosives;

(B) in implementing the agreement between Canada and the United States known as the Firearms Trafficking Action Plan;

(C) in determining the feasibility of formulating a firearms trafficking action plan between Mexico and the United States;

(D) in developing a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Canada and the United States;

(E) in determining the feasibility of formulating a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Mexico and the United States;

(F) in developing mechanisms to exchange information on findings, seizures, and capture of individuals transporting undeclared currency; and

(G) in developing and implementing a plan to combat the transnational threat of illegal drug trafficking.

(7) **LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION.**—The progress made in enhancing law enforcement cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and the United States through enhanced technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with known and suspected criminals or terrorists, including exploring the formation of law enforcement teams that include personnel from the United States and Mexico, and appropriate procedures for such teams.

#### **SEC. 114. IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.**

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall work to cooperate with the head of Foreign Affairs Canada and the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico to establish a program—

(1) to assess the specific needs of Guatemala and Belize in maintaining the security of the international borders of such countries;

(2) to use the assessment made under paragraph (1) to determine the financial and

technical support needed by Guatemala and Belize from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to meet such needs;

(3) to provide technical assistance to Guatemala and Belize to promote issuance of secure passports and travel documents by such countries; and

(4) to encourage Guatemala and Belize—

(A) to control alien smuggling and trafficking;

(B) to prevent the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents; and

(C) to share relevant information with Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

(b) **BORDER SECURITY FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall work to cooperate—

(1) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Guatemala and the Government of Belize to provide law enforcement assistance to Guatemala and Belize that specifically addresses immigration issues to increase the ability of the Government of Guatemala to dismantle human smuggling organizations and gain additional control over the international border between Guatemala and Belize; and

(2) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Belize, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Mexico, and the governments of neighboring contiguous countries to establish a program to provide needed equipment, technical assistance, and vehicles to manage, regulate, and patrol the international borders between Mexico and Guatemala and between Mexico and Belize.

(c) **TRACKING CENTRAL AMERICAN GANGS.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work to cooperate with the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Belize, and the governments of other Central American countries—

(1) to assess the direct and indirect impact on the United States and Central America of deporting violent criminal aliens;

(2) to establish a program and database to track individuals involved in Central American gang activities;

(3) to develop a mechanism that is acceptable to the governments of Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and other appropriate countries to notify such a government if an individual suspected of gang activity will be deported to that country prior to the deportation and to provide support for the reintegration of such deportees into that country; and

(4) to develop an agreement to share all relevant information related to individuals connected with Central American gangs.

(d) **LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE.**—Any funds made available to carry out this section shall be subject to the limitations contained in section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2218).

#### **SEC. 115. COMBATING HUMAN SMUGGLING.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan to improve coordination between the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department and any other Federal, State, local, or tribal authorities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, to improve coordination efforts to combat human smuggling.

(b) **CONTENT.**—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the interoperability of databases utilized to prevent human smuggling;

(2) adequate and effective personnel training;

(3) methods and programs to effectively target networks that engage in such smuggling;

(4) effective utilization of—

(A) visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes; and

(B) investigatory techniques, equipment, and procedures that prevent, detect, and prosecute international money laundering and other operations that are utilized in smuggling;

(5) joint measures, with the Secretary of State, to enhance intelligence sharing and cooperation with foreign governments whose citizens are preyed on by human smugglers; and

(6) other measures that the Secretary considers appropriate to combating human smuggling.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after implementing the plan described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on such plan, including any recommendations for legislative action to improve efforts to combating human smuggling.

(d) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide additional authority to any State or local entity to enforce Federal immigration laws.

#### **Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives** **SEC. 121. BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**

Not later than October 1, 2007, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the Automated Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (IDENT) of the Department and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure more expeditious data searches; and

(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all fingerprints from each alien required to provide fingerprints during the alien's initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a).

#### **SEC. 122. SECURE COMMUNICATION.**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as practicable, develop and implement a plan to improve the use of satellite communications and other technologies to ensure clear and secure 2-way communication capabilities—

(1) among all Border Patrol agents conducting operations between ports of entry;

(2) between Border Patrol agents and their respective Border Patrol stations;

(3) between Border Patrol agents and residents in remote areas along the international land borders of the United States; and

(4) between all appropriate border security agencies of the Department and State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

#### **SEC. 123. BORDER PATROL TRAINING CAPACITY REVIEW.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the basic training provided to Border Patrol agents by the Secretary to ensure that such training is provided as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

(b) **COMPONENTS OF REVIEW.**—The review under subsection (a) shall include the following components:

(1) An evaluation of the length and content of the basic training curriculum provided to new Border Patrol agents by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, including a description of how such curriculum has changed since September 11, 2001, and an evaluation of language and cultural diversity



training programs provided within such curriculum.

(2) A review and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train 1 new Border Patrol agent.

(3) A comparison, based on the review and breakdown under paragraph (2), of the costs, effectiveness, scope, and quality, including geographic characteristics, with other similar training programs provided by State and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and the private sector.

(4) An evaluation of whether utilizing comparable non-Federal training programs, proficiency testing, and long-distance learning programs may affect—

(A) the cost-effectiveness of increasing the number of Border Patrol agents trained per year;

(B) the per agent costs of basic training; and

(C) the scope and quality of basic training needed to fulfill the mission and duties of a Border Patrol agent.

#### SEC. 124. US-VISIT SYSTEM.

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a schedule for—

(1) equipping all land border ports of entry of the United States with the U.S.-Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) system implemented under section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a);

(2) developing and deploying at such ports of entry the exit component of the US-VISIT system; and

(3) making interoperable all immigration screening systems operated by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 125. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.

(a) TRAINING.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the head of the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.—The Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

##### (c) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT.—The Inspector General of the Department shall conduct an independent assessment of the accuracy and reliability of the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General shall submit to Congress the findings of the assessment required by paragraph (1).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 126. IMPROVED DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in the heading, by striking “ENTRY AND EXIT DOCUMENTS” and inserting “TRAVEL AND ENTRY DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE OF STATUS”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the” and inserting “The”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” both places it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of an alien’s status as an immigrant, nonimmigrant, parolee, asylee, or refugee, shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, and shall incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify electronically the identity and status of the alien.”.

#### SEC. 127. CANCELLATION OF VISAS.

Section 222(g) (8 U.S.C. 1202(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “and any other non-immigrant visa issued by the United States that is in the possession of the alien” after “such visa”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(other than the visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality” and inserting “(other than a visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality or foreign residence”.

#### SEC. 128. BIOMETRIC ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.

(a) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIENS DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES.—Section 215 (8 U.S.C. 1185) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (g);

(2) by moving subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (1), to the end; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to require aliens departing the United States to provide biometric data and other information relating to their immigration status.”.

(b) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA.—In conducting inspections under subsection (b), immigration officers are authorized to collect biometric data from—

“(A) any applicant for admission or alien seeking to transit through the United States; or

“(B) any lawful permanent resident who is entering the United States and who is not regarded as seeking admission pursuant to section 101(a)(13)(C).”.

(c) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIEN CREWMEN.—Section 252 (8 U.S.C. 1282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) An immigration officer is authorized to collect biometric data from an alien crewman seeking permission to land temporarily in the United States.”.

(d) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WITHHOLDERS OF BIOMETRIC DATA.—Any alien who knowingly fails to comply with a lawful request for biometric data under section 215(c) or 235(d) is inadmissible.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine whether a ground for inadmissibility exists with respect to an alien described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(7) and may waive the application of such

subparagraph for an individual alien or a class of aliens, at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 7208 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In fully implementing the automated biometric entry and exit data system under this section, the Secretary is not required to comply with the requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) or any other law relating to rulemaking, information collection, or publication in the Federal Register.”; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION AT ALL LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to implement the automated biometric entry and exit data system at all land border ports of entry.”.

#### SEC. 129. BORDER STUDY.

(a) SOUTHERN BORDER STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall conduct a study on the construction of a system of physical barriers along the southern international land and maritime border of the United States. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system, including the identification of areas of high priority for the construction of such a system determined after consideration of factors including the amount of narcotics trafficking and the number of illegal immigrants apprehended in such areas;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of constructing such a system;

(3) an assessment of the international, national, and regional environmental impact of such a system, including the impact on zoning, global climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, and transboundary pollution;

(4) an assessment of the necessity for ports of entry along such a system;

(5) an assessment of the impact such a system would have on international trade, commerce, and tourism;

(6) an assessment of the effect of such a system on private property rights including issues of eminent domain and riparian rights;

(7) an estimate of the costs associated with building a barrier system, including costs associated with excavation, construction, and maintenance;

(8) an assessment of the effect of such a system on Indian reservations and units of the National Park System; and

(9) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system after the implementation of provisions of this Act relating to guest workers, visa reform, and interior and worksite enforcement, and the likely effect of such provisions on undocumented immigration and the flow of illegal immigrants across the international border of the United States;



(10) an assessment of the impact of such a system on diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico, Central America, and South America, including the likely impact of such a system on existing and potential areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperative enforcement efforts;

(11) an assessment of the impact of such a system on the quality of life within border communities in the United States and Mexico, including its impact on noise and light pollution, housing, transportation, security, and environmental health;

(12) an assessment of the likelihood that such a system would lead to increased violations of the human rights, health, safety, or civil rights of individuals in the region near the southern international border of the United States, regardless of the immigration status of such individuals;

(13) an assessment of the effect such a system would have on violence near the southern international border of the United States; and

(14) an assessment of the effect of such a system on the vulnerability of the United States to infiltration by terrorists or other agents intending to inflict direct harm on the United States.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study described in subsection (a).

#### **SEC. 130. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department shall review each contract action relating to the Secure Border Initiative having a value of more than \$20,000,000, to determine whether each such action fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones, inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned business, and time lines. The Inspector General shall complete a review under this subsection with respect to each contract action—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of the initiation of the action; and

(2) upon the conclusion of the performance of the contract.

(b) **INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—

(1) **ACTION.**—If the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper conduct or wrongdoing in the course of conducting a contract review under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall, as expeditiously as practicable, refer information relating to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary, or to another appropriate official of the Department, who shall determine whether to temporarily suspend the contractor from further participation in the Secure Border Initiative.

(2) **REPORT.**—Upon the completion of each review described in subsection (a), the Inspector General shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the findings of the review, including findings regarding—

(A) cost overruns;

(B) significant delays in contract execution;

(C) lack of rigorous departmental contract management;

(D) insufficient departmental financial oversight;

(E) bundling that limits the ability of small businesses to compete; or

(F) other high risk business practices.

(c) **REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the receipt of each report required under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall submit a report, to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, that describes—

(A) the findings of the report received from the Inspector General; and

(B) the steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address the problems identified in such report.

(2) **CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.**—Not later than 60 days after the initiation of each contract action with a company whose headquarters is not based in the United States, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, regarding the Secure Border Initiative.

(d) **REPORTS ON UNITED STATES PORTS.**—Not later than 30 days after receiving information regarding a proposed purchase of a contract to manage the operations of a United States port by a foreign entity, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the proposed purchase;

(2) any security concerns related to the proposed purchase; and

(3) the manner in which such security concerns have been addressed.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Office, to enable the Office to carry out this section—

(1) for fiscal year 2007, not less than 5 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year;

(2) for fiscal year 2008, not less than 6 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year; and

(3) for fiscal year 2009, not less than 7 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year.

#### **SEC. 131. MANDATORY DETENTION FOR ALIENS APPREHENDED AT OR BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on October 1, 2007, an alien (other than a national of Mexico) who is attempting to illegally enter the United States and who is apprehended at a United States port of entry or along the international land and maritime border of the United States shall be detained until removed or a final decision granting admission has been determined, unless the alien—

(1) is permitted to withdraw an application for admission under section 235(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(a)(4)) and immediately departs from the United States pursuant to such section; or

(2) is paroled into the United States by the Secretary for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit in accordance with section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)).

(b) **REQUIREMENTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.**—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2007, an alien described in subsection (a) may be released with a notice to appear only if—

(1) the Secretary determines, after conducting all appropriate background and security checks on the alien, that the alien does not pose a national security risk; and

(2) the alien provides a bond of not less than \$5,000.

(c) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—

(1) **ASYLUM AND REMOVAL.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of an alien to apply for asylum or for relief or deferral of removal based on a fear of persecution.

(2) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.**—The mandatory detention requirement in subsection (a) does not apply to any alien who is a native or citizen of a country in the Western Hemisphere with whose government the

United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

(3) **DISCRETION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary, in the Secretary's sole unreviewable discretion, to determine whether an alien described in clause (ii) of section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be detained or released after a finding of a credible fear of persecution (as defined in clause (v) of such section).

#### **SEC. 132. EVASION OF INSPECTION OR VIOLATION OF ARRIVAL, REPORTING, ENTRY, OR CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### **“§ 554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements**

“(a) **PROHIBITION.**—A person shall be punished as described in subsection (b) if such person attempts to elude or eludes customs, immigration, or agriculture inspection or fails to stop at the command of an officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States at a port of entry or customs or immigration checkpoint;

“(b) **PENALTIES.**—A person who commits an offense described in subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) fined under this title;

“(2)(A) imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both;

“(B) imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if in commission of this violation, attempts to inflict or inflicts bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g) of this title); or

“(C) imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, if death results, and may be sentenced to death; or

“(3) both fined and imprisoned under this subsection.

“(c) **CONSPIRACY.**—If 2 or more persons conspire to commit an offense described in subsection (a), and 1 or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punishable as a principal, except that the sentence of death may not be imposed.

“(d) **PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.**—For the purposes of seizure and forfeiture under applicable law, in the case of use of a vehicle or other conveyance in the commission of this offense, or in the case of disregarding or disobeying the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States under section 111(b) of this title, such conduct shall constitute prima facie evidence of smuggling aliens or merchandise.”

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end:

“554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.”

(c) **FAILURE TO OBEY BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) **FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDERS OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—Whoever willfully disregards or disobeys the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of official duties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.”



**Subtitle D—Border Tunnel Prevention Act****SEC. 141. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Prevention Act”.

**SEC. 142. CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER TUNNEL OR PASSAGE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 132(a), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 555. Border tunnels and passages**

“(a) Any person who knowingly constructs or finances the construction of a tunnel or subterranean passage that crosses the international border between the United States and another country, other than a lawfully authorized tunnel or passage known to the Secretary of Homeland Security and subject to inspection by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 20 years.

“(b) Any person who knows or recklessly disregards the construction or use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) on land that the person owns or controls shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

“(c) Any person who uses a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) to unlawfully smuggle an alien, goods (in violation of section 545), controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction (including biological weapons), or a member of a terrorist organization (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi))) shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment that is twice the maximum term of imprisonment that would have otherwise been applicable had the unlawful activity not made use of such a tunnel or passage.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 132(b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 555. Border tunnels and passages.”.

(c) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—Section 982(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “555,” before “1425.”.

**SEC. 143. DIRECTIVE TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, and in accordance with this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall promulgate or amend sentencing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 132.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall—

(1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary reflect the serious nature of the offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, and the need for aggressive and appropriate law enforcement action to prevent such offenses;

(2) provide adequate base offense levels for offenses under such section;

(3) account for any aggravating or mitigating circumstances that might justify exceptions, including—

(A) the use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) of such section to facilitate other felonies; and

(B) the circumstances for which the sentencing guidelines currently provide applicable sentencing enhancements;

(4) ensure reasonable consistency with other relevant directives, other sentencing guidelines, and statutes;

(5) make any necessary and conforming changes to the sentencing guidelines and policy statements; and

(6) ensure that the sentencing guidelines adequately meet the purposes of sentencing set forth in section 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

**TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT****SEC. 201. REMOVAL AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORIST ALIENS.**

(a) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A)(v) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”.

(b) CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.—Section 240A(c)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking “inadmissible under” and inserting “described in”; and

(2) by striking “deportable under” and inserting “described in”.

(c) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—Section 240B(b)(1)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1229c(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)” and inserting “described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a)”.

(d) RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL.—Section 241(b)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iv) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) the alien is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) (other than an alien described in section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(IV) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there are not reasonable grounds for regarding the alien as a danger to the security of the United States).”; and

(4) in the undesignated paragraph, by striking “For purposes of clause (iv), an alien who is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) shall be considered to be an alien with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the United States.”.

(e) RECORD OF ADMISSION.—Section 249 (8 U.S.C. 1259) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 249. RECORD OF ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1972.**

“A record of lawful admission for permanent residence may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, for any alien, as of the date of the approval of the alien’s application or, if entry occurred before July 1, 1924, as of the date of such entry if no such record is otherwise available, if the alien establishes that the alien—

“(1) is not described in section 212(a)(3)(E) or in section 212(a) (insofar as it relates to criminals, procurers, other immoral persons, subversives, violators of the narcotics laws, or smugglers of aliens);

“(2) entered the United States before January 1, 1972;

“(3) has resided in the United States continuously since such entry;

“(4) is a person of good moral character;

“(5) is not ineligible for citizenship; and

“(6) is not described in section 237(a)(4)(B).”.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to any act or condition constituting a ground for inadmissibility, excludability, or removal occurring or existing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 241(a) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” the first place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) by striking “Attorney General” any other place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the expiration date of the stay of removal.”.

(ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

“(C) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of 90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to—

“(i) make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order; or

“(ii) fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including failing to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure, or conspiring or acting to prevent the alien’s removal.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) TOLLING OF PERIOD.—If, at the time described in subparagraph (B), the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary under the authority of this Act, the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary lawfully transfers custody of the alien during the removal period to another Federal agency or to a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall recommence on the date on which the alien is returned to the custody of the Secretary.”;

(D) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administrative final order of removal, the Secretary, in the exercise of discretion, may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien’s conduct or activities, or to perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien—

“(i) to prevent the alien from absconding;

“(ii) for the protection of the community;

or

“(iii) for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “removal period and, if released,” and inserting “removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien”;

(G) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (10); and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) PAROLE.—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody



unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien's parole or the alien's removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.

“(8) ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF ALIENS.—The following procedures shall apply to an alien detained under this section:

“(A) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether an alien described in subparagraph (B) should be detained or released after the removal period in accordance with this paragraph.

“(B) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States;

“(ii) has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the alien's removal order;

“(iii) has cooperated fully with the Secretary's efforts to establish the alien's identity and to carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for the alien's departure; and

“(iv) has not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

“(C) EVIDENCE.—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary—

“(i) shall consider any evidence submitted by the alien;

“(ii) may consider any other evidence, including—

“(I) any information or assistance provided by the Department of State or other Federal agency; and

“(II) any other information available to the Secretary pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

“(D) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR 90 DAYS BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(E) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized under subparagraph (D) until the alien is removed, if the Secretary—

“(i) determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

“(ii) certifies in writing—

“(I) in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety;

“(II) after receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, that the release of the alien would likely have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

“(III) based on information available to the Secretary (including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and regardless of the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), that there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States;

“(IV) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, and conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien—

“(AA) has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)(A)), or of 1 or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated felonies for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least 5 years; or

“(BB) has committed a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code, but not including a purely political offense) and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future; or

“(V) that—

“(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, notwithstanding conditions of release designed to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

“(bb) the alien has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)) for which the alien was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year.

“(F) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien pending a determination under subparagraph (E)(ii), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process identified in subparagraph (A) not later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

“(G) RENEWAL AND DELEGATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

“(i) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a certification under subparagraph (E)(ii) every 6 months, without limitation, after providing the alien with an opportunity to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary does not renew such certification, the Secretary shall release the alien, pursuant to subparagraph (H).

“(ii) DELEGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in subclause (II), (III), or (V) of subparagraph (E)(ii) to any employee reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iii) HEARING.—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General, provide for a hearing to make the determination described in subparagraph (E)(ii)(IV)(bb)(BB).

“(H) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary's discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

“(I) REDETENTION.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain any alien subject to a final removal order who has previously been released from custody if—

“(i) the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release;

“(ii) the alien fails to continue to satisfy the conditions described in subparagraph (B); or

“(iii) upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under subparagraph (E).

“(J) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(K) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FAIL TO COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall detain an alien until the alien

makes all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order and to cooperate fully with the Secretary's efforts, if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States; and

“(ii)(I) and the alien faces a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed if the alien had not—

“(aa) failed or refused to make all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order;

“(bb) failed or refused to fully cooperate with the Secretary's efforts to establish the alien's identity and carry out the removal order, including the failure to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien's departure; or

“(cc) conspired or acted to prevent removal; or

“(II) the Secretary makes a certification as specified in subparagraph (E), or the renewal of a certification specified in subparagraph (G).

“(L) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT EFFECTED AN ENTRY.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall follow the guidelines established in section 241.4 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, when detaining aliens who have not effected an entry. The Secretary may decide to apply the review process outlined in this paragraph.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of any action or decision made pursuant to paragraph (6), (7), or (8) shall be available exclusively in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and nonstatutory) available to the alien as of right.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall apply to—

(i) any alien subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any act or condition occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) CRIMINAL DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(B) by inserting “(1)” before “If, after a hearing”;

(C) in subparagraphs (B) and (C), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”; and

(D) by adding after subparagraph (C), as redesignated, the following:

“(2) Subject to rebuttal by the person, it shall be presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person—

“(A) is an alien; and

“(B)(i) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

“(ii) is the subject of a final order of removal; or

“(iii) has committed a felony offense under section 911, 922(g)(5), 1015, 1028, 1425, or 1426 of this title, chapter 75 or 77 of this title, or section 243, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1324, 1325, 1326, 2327, and 1328).”; and

(2) in subsection (g)(3)—



(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) the person’s immigration status; and”.

#### SEC. 203. AGGRAVATED FELONY.

(a) DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONY.—Section 101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The term ‘aggravated felony’ means—” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except for the provision providing an effective date for section 203 of the Comprehensive Reform Act of 2006), the term ‘aggravated felony’ applies to an offense described in this paragraph, whether in violation of Federal or State law and to such an offense in violation of the law of a foreign country, for which the term of imprisonment was completed within the previous 15 years, even if the length of the term of imprisonment is based on recidivist or other enhancements and regardless of whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996, and means—”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor;” and inserting “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor, whether or not the minority of the victim is established by evidence contained in the record of conviction or by evidence extrinsic to the record of conviction;”;

(3) in subparagraph (N), by striking “paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of”;

(4) in subparagraph (O), by striking “section 275(a) or 276 committed by an alien who was previously deported on the basis of a conviction for an offense described in another subparagraph of this paragraph” and inserting “section 275 or 276 for which the term of imprisonment is at least 1 year”;

(5) in subparagraph (U), by striking “an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense described in this paragraph” and inserting “aiding or abetting an offense described in this paragraph, or soliciting, counseling, procuring, commanding, or inducing another, attempting, or conspiring to commit such an offense”;

(6) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (U).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall—

(A) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply to any act that occurred on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICATION OF HIRAIRA AMENDMENTS.—The amendments to section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act made by section 321 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-627) shall continue to apply, whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996.

#### SEC. 204. TERRORIST BARS.

(a) DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4), as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Attorney General based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information;”;

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))” and inserting the following: “, regardless of whether the crime was defined as an aggravated felony under subsection (a)(43) at the time of the conviction, unless—

“(A) the person completed the term of imprisonment and sentence not later than 10 years before the date of application; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this paragraph; or”;

(3) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (9), by striking “a finding that for other reasons such person is or was not of good moral character” and inserting the following: “a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. In determining an applicant’s moral character, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General may take into consideration the applicant’s conduct and acts at any time and are not limited to the period during which good moral character is required.”.

(b) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A petition may not be approved under this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could directly or indirectly result in the petitioner’s denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner’s lawful permanent resident status.”.

(c) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(2) CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS.—Section 216A(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS.—Section 310(c) (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security’s final determination,” after “may”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “Except that in any proceeding, other than a proceeding under section 340, the court shall review for substantial evidence the administrative record and findings of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding whether an alien is a person of good moral character, understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. The petitioner shall have the burden of showing that the Secretary’s denial of the application was contrary to law.”.

(e) PERSONS ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY.—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) PERSONS ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY.—A person may not be naturalized if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, that the person was once an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4).”.

(f) CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 318 (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended by striking “the Attorney General if” and all that follows and inserting: “the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court if there is pending against the applicant any removal proceeding or other proceeding to determine the applicant’s inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicant’s lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced. The findings of the Attorney General in terminating removal proceedings or canceling the removal of an alien under this Act shall not be deemed binding in any way

upon the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the question of whether such person has established eligibility for naturalization in accordance with this title.”.

(g) DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.—Section 336(b) (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE DISTRICT COURT.—If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews required under such section, the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. The Secretary shall notify the applicant when such examinations and interviews have been completed. Such district court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter, with appropriate instructions, to the Secretary for the Secretary’s determination on the application.”.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to any act that occurred on or after such date of enactment.

#### SEC. 205. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO GANG VIOLENCE, REMOVAL, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.

(a) CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—

(1) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (J); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who a consular officer, the Attorney General, or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is inadmissible.”.

(2) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is deportable.”.

(3) TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.—Section 244 (8 U.S.C. 1254a) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, for any reason (including national security), terminate or modify any designation



under this section. Such termination or modification is effective upon publication in the Federal Register, or after such time as the Secretary may designate in the Federal Register.”;

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a period of 12 or 18 months” and inserting “any other period not to exceed 18 months”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “The amount of any such fee shall not exceed \$50.”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “, or” at the end;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) the alien is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code).”;

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may detain an alien provided temporary protected status under this section whenever appropriate under any other provision of law.”;

(b) **PENALTIES RELATED TO REMOVAL.**—Section 243 (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “212(a) or” after “section”;

and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking “or imprisoned not more than four years” and inserting “and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years”;

(ii) by striking “, or both”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both” and inserting “under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years (or for not more than 10 years if the alien is a member of any of the classes described in paragraphs (1)(E), (2), (3), and (4) of section 237(a)).”;

(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) **DENYING VISAS TO NATIONALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING ALIEN.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after making a determination that the government of a foreign country has denied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country after the alien has been ordered removed, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, may instruct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to any citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country until the country accepts the alien that was ordered removed.”;

(c) **ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274 (8 U.S.C. 1324), is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**

“(a) **CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), a person shall be punished as provided under paragraph (2), if the person—

“(A) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, or cross the border to the United States;

“(B) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien and regardless of whether such alien has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States;

“(C) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from 1 country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the alien is seeking to enter the United States without official permission or legal authority;

“(D) encourages or induces a person to reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in the United States;

“(E) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, if the transportation or movement will further the alien’s illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

“(F) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States; or

“(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

“(2) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—A person who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) if the violation is the offender’s first violation under this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(ii) if the violation is the offender’s second or subsequent violation of this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 3 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(C) if the offense furthered or aided the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(D) shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both, if the offense created a substantial and foreseeable risk of death, a substantial and foreseeable risk of serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code), or inhuman conditions to another person, including—

“(i) transporting the person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting the person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting the person in, harboring the person in, or otherwise subjecting the person to crowded or dangerous conditions;

“(E) if the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18,

United States Code) to any person, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 7 years or more than 30 years, or both;

“(F) shall be fined under such title and imprisoned for not less than 10 years or more than 30 years if the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in terrorist activity;

“(G) if the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for a term of years not less than 10 years and up to life, and fined under title 18, United States Code.

“(3) **LIMITATION.**—It is not a violation of subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(A) for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses, provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the denomination for at least 1 year; or

“(B) for an individual or organization, not previously convicted of a violation of this section, to provide an alien who is present in the United States with humanitarian assistance, including medical care, housing, counseling, victim services, and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered.

“(4) **EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.**—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) **EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES.**—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly employs 10 or more individuals with actual knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the individuals are aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) **DEFINITION.**—An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3));

“(B) is present in the United States without lawful authority; and

“(C) has been brought into the United States in violation of this subsection.

“(c) **SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any real or personal property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) **APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.**—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) **PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.**—In determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, prima facie evidence that an alien involved



in the alleged violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided in, remained in, or been present in the United States in violation of law shall include—

“(A) any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien’s status or lack of status made by a Federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under Federal immigration law;

“(B) official records of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien’s status or lack of status; and

“(C) testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien’s status or lack of status.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO ARREST.—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except—

“(1) officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class; and

“(2) other officers responsible for the enforcement of Federal criminal laws.

“(e) ADMISSIBILITY OF VIDEOTAPE WITNESS TESTIMONY.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped or otherwise audiovisually preserved deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if—

“(1) the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition by the party, if any, opposing admission of the testimony; and

“(2) the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall—

“(A) develop and implement an outreach program to educate people in and out of the United States about the penalties for bringing in and harboring aliens in violation of this section; and

“(B) establish the American Local and Interior Enforcement Needs (ALIEN) Task Force to identify and respond to the use of Federal, State, and local transportation infrastructure to further the trafficking of unlawful aliens within the United States.

“(2) FIELD OFFICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after consulting with State and local government officials, shall establish such field offices as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.—An alien is deemed to have crossed the border into the United States regardless of whether the alien is free from official restraint.

“(2) LAWFUL AUTHORITY.—The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or accompanying regulations. The term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law or authority sought, but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States if such coming

to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(3) PROCEEDS.—The term ‘proceeds’ includes any property or interest in property obtained or retained as a consequence of an act or omission in violation of this section.

“(4) UNLAWFUL TRANSIT.—The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present or any country from which the alien is traveling or moving.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 274 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”.

(d) PROHIBITING CARRYING OR USING A FIREARM DURING AND IN RELATION TO AN ALIEN SMUGGLING CRIME.—Section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “any crime of violence”;;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “such crime of violence”;;

(C) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “crime of violence”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘alien smuggling crime’ means any felony punishable under section 274(a), 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a), 1327, and 1328).”.

#### SEC. 206. ILLEGAL ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 275 (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended to read as follows:

##### “SEC. 275. ILLEGAL ENTRY.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSES.—An alien shall be subject to the penalties set forth in paragraph (2) if the alien—

“(A) knowingly enters or crosses the border into the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(B) knowingly eludes examination or inspection by an immigration officer (including failing to stop at the command of such officer), or a customs or agriculture inspection at a port of entry; or

“(C) knowingly enters or crosses the border to the United States by means of a knowingly false or misleading representation or the knowing concealment of a material fact (including such representation or concealment in the context of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements of the customs law, immigration laws, agriculture laws, or shipping laws).

“(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall, for the first violation, be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

“(B) shall, for a second or subsequent violation, or following an order of voluntary departure, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both;

“(C) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors or for a felony, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(D) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; and

“(E) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprison-

ment of not less than 60 months, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (2) are elements of the offenses described in that paragraph and the penalties in such subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(A) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(B) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(4) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—An offense under this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by an immigration officer.

“(5) ATTEMPT.—Whoever attempts to commit any offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as for a completion of such offense.

“(b) IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE; CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who is apprehended while entering, attempting to enter, or knowingly crossing or attempting to cross the border to the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be subject to a civil penalty, in addition to any criminal or other civil penalties that may be imposed under any other provision of law, in an amount equal to—

“(A) not less than \$50 or more than \$250 for each such entry, crossing, attempted entry, or attempted crossing; or

“(B) twice the amount specified in paragraph (1) if the alien had previously been subject to a civil penalty under this subsection.

“(2) CROSSED THE BORDER DEFINED.—In this section, an alien is deemed to have crossed the border if the act was voluntary, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 275 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 275. Illegal entry.”.

#### SEC. 207. ILLEGAL REENTRY.

Section 276 (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended to read as follows:

##### “SEC. 276. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.

“(a) REENTRY AFTER REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

“(b) REENTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.—Notwithstanding the penalty provided in subsection (a), if an alien described in that subsection—

“(1) was convicted for 3 or more misdemeanors or a felony before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(2) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

“(3) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;



“(4) was convicted for 3 felonies before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(5) was convicted, before such removal or departure, for murder, rape, kidnapping, or a felony offense described in chapter 77 (relating to peonage and slavery) or 113B (relating to terrorism) of such title, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) REENTRY AFTER REPEATED REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subsection (b) are elements of the crimes described in that subsection, and the penalties in that subsection shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(1) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(2) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that—

“(1) prior to the alleged violation, the alien had sought and received the express consent of the Secretary of Homeland Security to reapply for admission into the United States; or

“(2) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, the alien—

“(A) was not required to obtain such advance consent under the Immigration and Nationality Act or any prior Act; and

“(B) had complied with all other laws and regulations governing the alien's admission into the United States.

“(f) LIMITATION ON COLLATERAL ATTACK ON UNDERLYING REMOVAL ORDER.—In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of any prior removal order concerning the alien unless the alien demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that—

“(1) the alien exhausted all administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;

“(2) the removal proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and

“(3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

“(g) REENTRY OF ALIEN REMOVED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.—Any alien removed pursuant to section 241(a)(4) who enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in, the United States shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release unless the alien affirmatively demonstrates that the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien's reentry. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of removed aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

“(h) LIMITATION.—It is not aiding and abetting a violation of this section for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered without compensation or the expectation of compensation.

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSES THE BORDER.—The term ‘crosses the border’ applies if an alien acts voluntarily, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.

“(2) FELONY.—Term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(3) MISDEMEANOR.—The term ‘misdemeanor’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year under the applicable laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) REMOVAL.—The term ‘removal’ includes any denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal, or any agreement by which an alien stipulates or agrees to exclusion, deportation, or removal.

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”.

#### SEC. 208. REFORM OF PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### “CHAPTER 75—PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD

“Sec.

“1541. Trafficking in passports.

“1542. False statement in an application for a passport.

“1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport.

“1544. Misuse of a passport.

“1545. Schemes to defraud aliens.

“1546. Immigration and visa fraud.

“1547. Marriage fraud.

“1548. Attempts and conspiracies.

“1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses.

“1550. Seizure and forfeiture.

“1551. Additional jurisdiction.

“1552. Additional venue.

“1553. Definitions.

“1554. Authorized law enforcement activities.

“1555. Exception for refugees and asylees.

#### “§ 1541. Trafficking in passports

“(a) MULTIPLE PASSPORTS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

“(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more passports;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more passports;

“(3) secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more passports, knowing the passports to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more applications for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), knowing the applications to contain any false statement or representation, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(b) PASSPORT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material used to make a passport shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1542. False statement in an application for a passport

“Any person who knowingly—

“(1) makes any false statement or representation in an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation);

“(2) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation) knowing the application to contain any false statement or representation; or

“(3) causes or attempts to cause the production of a passport by means of any fraud or false application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), if such production occurs or would occur at a facility authorized by the Secretary of State for the production of passports,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport

“(a) FORGERY.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any passport; or

“(2) knowingly transfers any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, or to have been produced or issued without lawful authority, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) UNLAWFUL PRODUCTION.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority—

“(1) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a passport in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance of the passport;

“(2) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a United States passport for or to any person not owing allegiance to the United States; or

“(3) transfers or furnishes a passport to a person for use when such person is not the person for whom the passport was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1544. Misuse of a passport

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly uses any passport issued or designed for the use of another;

“(2) knowingly uses any passport in violation of the conditions or restrictions therein contained, or in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance and use of the passport;

“(3) knowingly secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) knowingly violates the terms and conditions of any safe conduct duly obtained and issued under the authority of the United States,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) ENTRY: FRAUD.—Any person who knowingly uses any passport, knowing the passport to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, produced or issued without lawful authority, or issued or designed for the use of another—

“(1) to enter or to attempt to enter the United States; or

“(2) to defraud the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1545. Schemes to defraud aliens

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly executes a scheme or artifice, in connection with any matter that is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws,



or any matter the offender claims or represents is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws—

“(1) to defraud any person, or

“(2) to obtain or receive from any person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, money or anything else of value,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who knowingly and falsely represents himself to be an attorney in any matter arising under Federal immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### “§ 1546. Immigration and visa fraud

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly—

“(1) uses any immigration document issued or designed for the use of another;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any immigration document;

“(3) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits any immigration document knowing it to contain any materially false statement or representation;

“(4) secures, possesses, uses, transfers, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any immigration document knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority;

“(5) adopts or uses a false or fictitious name to evade or to attempt to evade the immigration laws; or

“(6) transfers or furnishes an immigration document to a person without lawful authority for use if such person is not the person for whom the immigration document was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

“(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more immigration documents;

“(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more immigration documents;

“(3) secures, possesses, uses, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more immigration documents, knowing the immigration documents to be forged, counterfeited, altered, stolen, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

“(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more immigration documents knowing the documents to contain any materially false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material, used to make an immigration document shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1547. Marriage fraud

“(a) EVASION OR MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

“(2) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

“(A) in an application or document authorized by the immigration laws; or

“(B) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration

judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals),

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(b) MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.—Any person who—

“(1) knowingly enters into 2 or more marriages for the purpose of evading any immigration law; or

“(2) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates 2 or more marriages designed or intended to evade any immigration law,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—Any person who knowingly establishes a commercial enterprise for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An offense under subsection (a) or (b) continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

“(2) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—An offense under subsection (c) continues until the fraudulent nature of commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer or other law enforcement officer.

#### “§ 1548. Attempts and conspiracies

“Any person who attempts or conspires to violate any section of this chapter shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completed a violation of that section.

#### “§ 1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses

“(a) TERRORISM.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331); or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 25 years, or both.

“(b) OFFENSE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year; or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1550. Seizure and forfeiture

“(a) FORFEITURE.—Any property, real or personal, used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of any section of this chapter, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General.

#### “§ 1551. Additional jurisdiction

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter within the

special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter.

“(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter outside the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter if—

“(1) the offense involves a United States immigration document (or any document purporting to be such a document) or any matter, right, or benefit arising under or authorized by Federal immigration laws;

“(2) the offense is in or affects foreign commerce;

“(3) the offense affects, jeopardizes, or poses a significant risk to the lawful administration of Federal immigration laws, or the national security of the United States;

“(4) the offense is committed to facilitate an act of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331) or a drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 929(a)(2)) that affects or would affect the national security of the United States;

“(5) the offender is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))) or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(20) of such Act); or

“(6) the offender is a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States.

#### “§ 1552. Additional venue

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offense under section 1542 may be prosecuted in—

“(1) any district in which the false statement or representation was made;

“(2) any district in which the passport application was prepared, submitted, mailed, received, processed, or adjudicated; or

“(3) in the case of an application prepared and adjudicated outside the United States, in the district in which the resultant passport was produced.

“(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the venue otherwise available under sections 3237 and 3238.

#### “§ 1553. Definitions

“As used in this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘falsely make’ means to prepare or complete an immigration document with knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the document—

“(A) contains a statement or representation that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent;

“(B) has no basis in fact or law; or

“(C) otherwise fails to state a fact which is material to the purpose for which the document was created, designed, or submitted.

“(2) The term ‘false statement or representation’ includes a personation or an omission.

“(3) The term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) The term ‘immigration document’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any passport or visa; or

“(ii) any application, petition, affidavit, declaration, attestation, form, identification card, alien registration document, employment authorization document, border crossing card, certificate, permit, order, license, stamp, authorization, grant of authority, or other evidentiary document, arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States; and

“(B) includes any document, photograph, or other piece of evidence attached to or submitted in support of an immigration document.

“(5) The term ‘immigration laws’ includes—



“(A) the laws described in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

“(B) the laws relating to the issuance and use of passports; and

“(C) the regulations prescribed under the authority of any law described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) The term ‘immigration proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.

“(7) A person does not exercise ‘lawful authority’ if the person abuses or improperly exercises lawful authority the person otherwise holds.

“(8) The term ‘passport’ means a travel document attesting to the identity and nationality of the bearer that is issued under the authority of the Secretary of State, a foreign government, or an international organization; or any instrument purporting to be the same.

“(9) The term ‘produce’ means to make, prepare, assemble, issue, print, authenticate, or alter.

“(10) The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### “§ 1554. Authorized law enforcement activities

“Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an intelligence agency of the United States, or any activity authorized under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 933).

#### “§ 1555. Exception for refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable persons

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a person believed to have violated section 1542, 1544, 1546, or 1548 while attempting to enter the United States, without delay, indicates an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158 and 1231), or for relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (in accordance with section 208.17 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations), or under section 101(a)(15)(T), 101(a)(15)(U), 101(a)(27)(J), 101(a)(51), 216(c)(4)(C), 240A(b)(2), or 244(a)(3) (as in effect prior to March 31, 1997) of such Act, or a credible fear of persecution or torture—

“(1) the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal immigration official to review such claim and make a determination if such claim is warranted;

“(2) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person qualifies for the claimed relief, the person shall not be considered to have violated any such section; and

“(3) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person does not qualify for the claimed relief, the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal official for prosecution under this chapter.

“(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, increase, or alter the obligations of refugees or the United States under article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters in title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 75 and inserting the following:

**“75. Passport, visa, and immigration fraud ..... 1541”.**

(b) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—Section 208 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall develop binding prosecution guidelines for federal prosecutors to ensure that any prosecution of an alien seeking entry into the United States by fraud is consistent with the written terms and limitations of Article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

#### SEC. 209. INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “, or” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after subclause (II) the following:

“(III) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 237(a)(3)(B)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) of a violation of any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to proceedings pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to conduct occurring on or after that date.

#### SEC. 210. INCARCERATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.

(a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) or shall develop and implement another program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary may extend the scope of the Program to all States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State may—

(1) hold an illegal alien for a period not to exceed 14 days after the completion of the alien’s State prison sentence to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody if the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until authorized employees of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

(c) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology, such as videoconferencing, shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make the Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as IDENT, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Sec-

retary shall submit a report to Congress on the participation of States in the Program and in any other program authorized under subsection (a).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the Program.

#### SEC. 211. ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240B (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection instead of being subject to proceedings under section 240.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Attorney General may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien’s own expense under this subsection after the initiation of removal proceedings under section 240 and before the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 120 days. The Secretary may require an alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive the requirement to post a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will pose a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(vi) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place



that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(F) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a period exceeding 60 days” and inserting “any period in excess of 45 days”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.—Voluntary departure may only be granted as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review relating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—In connection with the alien’s agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) ADVISALS.—Agreements relating to voluntary departure granted during removal proceedings under section 240, or at the conclusion of such proceedings, shall be presented on the record before the immigration judge. The immigration judge shall advise the alien of the consequences of a voluntary departure agreement before accepting such agreement.

“(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including failure to timely post any required bond), the alien is—

“(i) ineligible for the benefits of the agreement;

“(ii) subject to the penalties described in subsection (d); and

“(iii) subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b).

“(B) EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.—If, after agreeing to voluntary departure, the alien files a timely appeal of the immigration judge’s decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien’s voluntary departure agreement and the consequences of such agreement, but precludes the alien from another grant of voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.

“(5) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary in writing in the exercise of the Secretary’s discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien’s obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”;

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an alien is permitted to voluntarily depart under this section and fails to voluntarily depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the alien will be subject to the following penalties:

“(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—The alien shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000. The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the

amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record. If the Secretary thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law. An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this chapter until this civil penalty is paid.

“(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—The alien shall be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249. The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily shall inform the alien of the penalties under this subsection.

“(3) REOPENING.—The alien shall be ineligible to reopen the final order of removal that took effect upon the alien’s failure to depart, or upon the alien’s other violations of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2). This paragraph does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the order granting voluntary departure in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”; and

(5) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) ELIGIBILITY.—

“(1) PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—An alien shall not be permitted to voluntarily depart under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsections (a)(2) or (b) of this section for any class or classes of aliens.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D) of this Act, sections 1361, 1651, and 2241 of title 28, United States Code, any other habeas corpus provision, and any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”;

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c(d)).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(6) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is filed on or after such date.

## SEC. 212. DETERRING ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED FROM REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES UNLAWFULLY.

(a) INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—Section 212(a)(9)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such removal (or within 20 years)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 5 years after the date of the alien’s removal (or not later than 20 years after the alien’s removal”;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien’s departure or removal (or within 20 years of)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 10 years after the date of the alien’s departure or removal (or not later than 20 years after”;

(b) BAR ON DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—Section 274D (9 U.S.C. 324d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Commissioner” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless a timely motion to reopen is granted under section 240(c)(6), an alien described in subsection (a) shall be ineligible for any discretionary relief from removal (including cancellation of removal and adjustment of status) during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure from the United States.

“(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the final order of removal in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”;

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to aliens who are subject to a final order of removal entered on or after such date.

## SEC. 213. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO, OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN ALIENS.

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”;

(2) in subsection (g)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”;

(3) in subsection (y)—

(A) in the header, by striking “ADMITTED UNDER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS” and inserting “IN A NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:



“(B) the term ‘nonimmigrant classification’ includes all classes of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), or otherwise described in the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of such Act).”;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa” and inserting “is in a nonimmigrant classification”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “Any individual who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)” and inserting “Any alien in a nonimmigrant classification may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)(B)”.

**SEC. 214. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PEONAGE OFFENSES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3291 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses**

“No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of any section of chapters 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship offenses), 75 (relating to passport, visa, and immigration offenses), or 77 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, for a violation of any criminal provision under section 243, 266, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1306, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 1328), or for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, unless the indictment is returned or the information filed not later than 10 years after the commission of the offense.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3291 and inserting the following:

“3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.”.

**SEC. 215. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.**

Section 2709(a)(1) of title 22, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) conduct investigations concerning—

“(A) illegal passport or visa issuance or use;

“(B) identity theft or document fraud affecting or relating to the programs, functions, and authorities of the Department of State;

“(C) violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and

“(D) Federal offenses committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code);”.

**SEC. 216. FIELD AGENT ALLOCATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) MINIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS IN STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate to each State—

“(A) not fewer than 40 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to—

“(i) investigate immigration violations; and

“(ii) ensure the departure of all removable aliens; and

“(B) not fewer than 15 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to carry out immigra-

tion and naturalization adjudication functions.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) for any State with a population of less than 2,000,000, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriate background and security checks, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be completed and assessed and any suspected or alleged fraud relating to the granting of any status (including the granting of adjustment of status), relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under this Act shall be investigated and resolved before the Secretary or the Attorney General may—

“(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

“(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Secretary, the Attorney General, or any court.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 217. CONSTRUCTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title III (8 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 362. CONSTRUCTION.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any Federal agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

“(1) any alien described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of section 212(a)(3) or subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

“(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien's inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

“(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.

“(b) DENIAL; WITHHOLDING.—An official described in subsection (a) may deny or withhold (with respect to an alien described in subsection (a)(1)) or withhold pending resolution of the investigation, case, or law enforcement checks (with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a)) any such application, petition, status, or benefit on such basis.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 361 the following:

“Sec. 362. Construction.”.

**SEC. 218. STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—The Secretary shall reimburse States and units of local government for costs associated with processing undocumented criminal aliens through the criminal justice system, including—

- (1) indigent defense;
- (2) criminal prosecution;
- (3) autopsies;
- (4) translators and interpreters; and
- (5) courts costs.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out subsection (a).

(2) COMPENSATION UPON REQUEST.—Section 241(i)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry this subsection—

“(A) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007;

“(B) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(C) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(D) \$950,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 501 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 219. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide sufficient transportation and officers to take illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers into custody for processing at a detention facility operated by the Department.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 220. REDUCING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ALIEN SMUGGLING ON TRIBAL LANDS.**

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may award grants to Indian tribes with lands adjacent to an international border of the United States that have been adversely affected by illegal immigration.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used for—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) health care services;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) the preservation of cultural resources.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

(1) describes the level of access of Border Patrol agents on tribal lands;

(2) describes the extent to which enforcement of immigration laws may be improved by enhanced access to tribal lands;

(3) contains a strategy for improving such access through cooperation with tribal authorities; and

(4) identifies grants provided by the Department for Indian tribes, either directly or through State or local grants, relating to border security expenses.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 221. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.**

The Secretary shall conduct a study of—

(1) the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring devices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders;

(2) the effectiveness of the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program and the costs and benefits of expanding that program to all States; and

(3) other alternatives to detention, including—

(A) release on an order of recognizance;



- (B) appearance bonds; and
- (C) electronic monitoring devices.

#### SEC. 222. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 101(a)(43)(P) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(P)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) which either is falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering a passport or instrument in violation of section 1543 of title 18, United States Code, or is described in section 1546(a) of such title (relating to document fraud) and (ii)” and inserting “which is described in chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, and”; and

(2) by inserting the following: “that is not described in section 1548 of such title (relating to increased penalties), and” after “first offense”.

#### SEC. 223. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) CLARIFYING ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 265 (8 U.S.C. 1305) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “notify the Attorney General in writing” and inserting “submit written or electronic notification to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in a manner approved by the Secretary.”;

(B) by striking “the Attorney General may require by regulation” and inserting “the Secretary may require”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “If the alien is involved in proceedings before an immigration judge or in an administrative appeal of such proceedings, the alien shall submit to the Attorney General the alien’s current address and a telephone number, if any, at which the alien may be contacted.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “given to such parent” and inserting “given by such parent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary under paragraph (2), an address provided by an alien under this section shall be the alien’s current residential mailing address, and shall not be a post office box or other non-residential mailing address or the address of an attorney, representative, labor organization, or employer.

“(2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may provide specific requirements with respect to—

“(A) designated classes of aliens and special circumstances, including aliens who are employed at a remote location; and

“(B) the reporting of address information by aliens who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local correctional facility.

“(3) DETENTION.—An alien who is being detained by the Secretary under this Act is not required to report the alien’s current address under this section during the time the alien remains in detention, but shall be required to notify the Secretary of the alien’s address under this section at the time of the alien’s release from detention.

“(e) USE OF MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE ALIEN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the appropriate coordination and cross referencing of address information provided by an alien under this section with other information relating to the alien’s address under other Federal programs, including—

“(A) any information pertaining to the alien, which is submitted in any application, petition, or motion filed under this Act with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Labor;

“(B) any information available to the Attorney General with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal or judicial review of such proceeding;

“(C) any information collected with respect to nonimmigrant foreign students or exchange program participants under section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372); and

“(D) any information collected from State or local correctional agencies pursuant to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

“(2) RELIANCE.—The Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under this section or section 264 to send to the alien any notice, form, document, or other matter pertaining to Federal immigration laws, including service of a notice to appear. The Attorney General and the Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under section 239(a)(1)(F) to contact the alien about pending removal proceedings.

“(3) OBLIGATION.—The alien’s provision of an address for any other purpose under the Federal immigration laws does not excuse the alien’s obligation to submit timely notice of the alien’s address to the Secretary under this section (or to the Attorney General under section 239(a)(1)(F) with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal of such proceeding).”.

(b) CONFORMING CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.—Chapter 7 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 262(c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in section 263(a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(3) in section 264—

(A) in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General is authorized” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General are authorized”; and

(ii) by striking “Attorney General or the Service” and inserting “Secretary or the Attorney General”.

(c) PENALTIES.—Section 266 (8 U.S.C. 1306) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ALIEN’S CURRENT ADDRESS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien or any parent or legal guardian in the United States of any minor alien who fails to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the alien’s current address in accordance with section 265 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION STATUS.—Any alien who violates section 265 (regardless of whether the alien is punished under paragraph (1)) and does not establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful shall be taken into custody in connection with removal of the alien. If the alien has not been inspected or admitted, or if the alien has failed on more than 1 occasion to submit notice of the alien’s current address as required under section 265, the alien may be presumed to be a flight risk. The Secretary or the Attorney General, in considering any form of relief from removal which may be granted in the discretion of the Sec-

retary or the Attorney General, may take into consideration the alien’s failure to comply with section 265 as a separate negative factor. If the alien failed to comply with the requirements of section 265 after becoming subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, the alien’s failure shall be considered as a strongly negative factor with respect to any discretionary motion for reopening or reconsideration filed by the alien.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or a notice of current address” before “containing statements”; and

(3) in subsections (c) and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to proceedings initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are effective as if enacted on March 1, 2003.

#### SEC. 224. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 287(g) (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If such training is provided by a State or political subdivision of a State to an officer or employee of such State or political subdivision of a State, the cost of such training (including applicable overtime costs) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The cost of any equipment required to be purchased under such written agreement and necessary to perform the functions under this subsection shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section.

#### SEC. 225. REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(43)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(F)) is amended by inserting “, including a third drunk driving conviction, regardless of the States in which the convictions occurred or whether the offenses are classified as misdemeanors or felonies under State law,” after “offense”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to convictions entered before, on, or after such date.

#### SEC. 226. MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and before June 1, 2006.”.

#### SEC. 227. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:



“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien—

“(A) has not been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(B) was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act.”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

## SEC. 228. PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

(a) IMMIGRANTS.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “Any” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (vii), any”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

“(vii) Clause (i) shall not apply to a citizen of the United States who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the citizen poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in clause (i) is filed.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting the following: “(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), any alien”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Subclause (I) shall not apply in the case of an alien admitted for permanent resi-

dence who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in subclause (I) is filed.”.

(b) NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 101(a)(15)(K) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)), is amended by inserting “(other than a citizen described in section 204(a)(1)(A)(vii))” after “citizen of the United States” each place that phrase appears.

## SEC. 229. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et. seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

### “SEC. 240D. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF ALIENS TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, law enforcement personnel of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody (including the transportation across State lines to detention centers) an alien for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the criminal provisions of the immigration laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

“(b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

“(c) TRANSFER.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State) exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an alien lawfully admitted to the United States or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States; and

“(B) if the individual is an alien who is not lawfully admitted to the United States or otherwise is not lawfully present in the United States—

“(i) take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government not later than 72 hours after—

“(I) the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process; or

“(II) the illegal alien is apprehended, if no State charging or dismissal process is required; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State, or a

political subdivision of a State, for expenses, as verified by the Secretary, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of an alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) the cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (c) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that—

“(1) aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this section are held in facilities which provide an appropriate level of security; and

“(2) if practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(f) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended aliens from the custody of those States, and political subdivisions of States, which routinely submit requests described in subsection (c), into Federal custody.

“(g) AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or if appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located, has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.).

## SEC. 230. LAUNDERING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENTS.

Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “section 1590 (relating to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor),” after “section 1363 (relating to destruction of



property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction.”; and

(2) by inserting “section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.1324(a)) (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens),” after “section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) (relating to aviation smuggling).”

**SEC. 231. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.**

(a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(3) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) (as amended by section 211(a)(1)(C)), subsection (b)(2) of such section 240B, or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States; and

(D) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in consultation with the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice, shall develop and implement a procedure by which an alien may petition the Secretary or head of the National Crime Information Center, as appropriate, to remove any erroneous information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien. Under such procedures, failure by the alien to receive notice of a violation of the immigration laws shall not constitute cause for removing information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien, unless such information is erroneous. Notwithstanding the 180-day time period set forth in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not provide the information required under paragraph (1) until the procedures required by this paragraph are developed and implemented.

(b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States; and”.

**SEC. 232. COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.**

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall negotiate and execute, where practicable, a cooperative enforcement agreement described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) with at least 1 law enforcement agency in each

State, to train law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of individuals engaged in transporting, harboring, sheltering, or encouraging aliens in violation of section 274 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

**SEC. 233. INCREASE OF FEDERAL DETENTION SPACE AND THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1990.**

(a) CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall construct or acquire, in addition to existing facilities for the detention of aliens, 20 detention facilities in the United States that have the capacity to detain a combined total of not less than 10,000 individuals at any time for aliens detained pending removal or a decision on removal of such aliens from the United States.

(2) DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.—The location of any detention facility built or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined with the concurrence of the Secretary by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department. The detention facilities shall be located so as to enable the officers and employees of the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(3) USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.—In acquiring detention facilities under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with paragraph (1).

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 241(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 234. DETERMINATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL OFFENSES.**

(a) RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the office of the United States Attorney that is prosecuting a criminal case in a Federal court—

(1) shall determine, not later than 30 days after filing the initial pleadings in the case, whether each defendant in the case is lawfully present in the United States (subject to subsequent legal proceedings to determine otherwise);

(2)(A) if the defendant is determined to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination and the current status of the alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(B) if the defendant is determined not to be lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination, the defendant's alien status, and, to the extent possible, the country of origin or legal residence of the defendant; and

(3) ensure that the information described in paragraph (2) is included in the case file and the criminal records system of the office of the United States attorney.

(b) GUIDELINES.—A determination made under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in accordance with guidelines of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL COURTS.—

(1) MODIFICATIONS OF RECORDS AND CASE MANAGEMENTS SYSTEMS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, all Federal courts that hear criminal cases, or appeals of criminal cases, shall modify their criminal records and case management systems, in accordance with guidelines which the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall establish, so as to enable accurate reporting of information described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) DATA ENTRIES.—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal court described in paragraph (1) shall enter into its electronic records the information contained in each notification to the court under subsection (a)(2).

(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide a basis for admitting evidence to a jury or releasing information to the public regarding an alien's immigration status.

(e) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall include, in the annual report filed with Congress under section 604 of title 28, United States Code—

(1) statistical information on criminal trials of aliens in the courts and criminal convictions of aliens in the lower courts and upheld on appeal, including the type of crime in each case and including information on the legal status of the aliens; and

(2) recommendations on whether additional court resources are needed to accommodate the volume of criminal cases brought against aliens in the Federal courts.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year shall remain available until expended.

**TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

**SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—

“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or

“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).

“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing or with reason to know that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.

“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).

“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—If the Secretary determines



that an employer has hired more than 10 unauthorized aliens during a calendar year, a rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding, that the employer knew or had reason to know that such aliens were unauthorized.

“(5) DEFENSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).

“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.

“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or

“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.

“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record-keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.

“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:

“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—

“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or

“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).

“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's

identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.

“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) United States passport; or

“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—

“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;

“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and

“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—

“(i) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that complies with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) driver's license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that is not in compliance with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, if the license or identity card—

“(I) is not required by the Secretary to comply with such requirements; and

“(II) contains the individual's photograph or information, including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(iii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual's photograph or information including the individual's name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iv) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual's employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer



and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(i) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—The employer shall maintain records related to an individual of any no-match notice from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding the individual's name or corresponding social security account number and the steps taken to resolve each issue described in the no-match notice.

“(C) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(D) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual's identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability; and

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether such social security account number is valid for employment in the United States; and

“(iv) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration

Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after such date of enactment, if the Secretary determines, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, such employer or class of employer is—

“(I) part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; or

“(II) directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may require an additional employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired on or after such date if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 5,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MIDSIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with less than 5,000 employees and with 1,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers with less than 1,000 employees and with 250 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, if the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.



“(5) WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual’s social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require; and

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and the individual may contest such nonconfirmation notice.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual’s employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final

such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ, recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(11) FEES.—The Secretary is authorized to require any employer participating in the System to pay a fee or fees for such participation. The fees may be set at a level that will recover the full cost of providing the System to all participants. The fees shall be deposited and remain available as provided in subsection (m) and (n) of section 286 and the System is providing an immigration adjudication and naturalization service for purposes of section 286(n).

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary’s intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.



“(iii) **APPLICABILITY.**—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) **PENALTY CLAIM.**—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) **CIVIL PENALTIES.**—

“(A) **HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.**—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) **RECORD KEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.**—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b), (c), or (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) **OTHER PENALTIES.**—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) **REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.**—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) **ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.**—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) **JUDICIAL REVIEW.**—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be

on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) **ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.**—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) **ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.**—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

“(g) **PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.**—

“(1) **PROHIBITION.**—It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

“(2) **CIVIL PENALTY.**—Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(h) **PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.**—

“(1) **EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

“(B) **WAIVER.**—The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive

operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

“(2) **EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(B) **NOTICE TO AGENCIES.**—Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

“(C) **WAIVER.**—After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

“(3) **SUSPENSION.**—Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

“(i) **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**—

“(1) **DOCUMENTATION.**—In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

“(2) **PREEMPTION.**—The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or

“(B) requiring, as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business, that a business entity—

“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or

“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.

“(j) **DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

“(k) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:



“(1) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

“(2) NO-MATCH NOTICE.—The term ‘no-match notice’ means written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.

“(3) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(4) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

“(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

“(3) PURPOSE.—Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

“(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

#### SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.

(a) WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) FRAUD DETECTION.—The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigra-

tion fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

### TITLE IV—TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAMS AND VISA REFORM

#### Subtitle A—Requirements for Participating Countries

##### SEC. 401. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An alien is not eligible for status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 501 of this Act, or deferred mandatory departure status under section 218B of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 601 of this Act, unless the home country of the alien has entered into a bilateral agreement with the United States that conforms to the requirements under subsection (b).

(b) REQUIREMENTS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.—Each agreement under subsection (a) shall require the home country to—

(1) accept, within 3 days, the return of nationals who are ordered removed from the United States;

(2) cooperate with the United States Government in—

(A) identifying, tracking, and reducing gang membership, violence, and human trafficking and smuggling; and

(B) controlling illegal immigration;

(3) provide the United States Government with—

(A) passport information and criminal records of aliens who are seeking admission to or are present in the United States; and

(B) admission and entry data to facilitate United States entry-exit data systems;

(4) take steps to educate nationals of the home country regarding the program under title V or VI to ensure that such nationals are not exploited; and

(5) provide a minimum level of health coverage to its participants.

(c) RULEMAKING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, by regulation, define the minimum level of health coverage to be provided by participating countries.

(2) RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN COVERAGE.—If the health coverage provided by the home country falls below the minimum level defined pursuant to paragraph (1), the employer of the alien shall provide or the alien shall obtain coverage that meets such minimum level.

(d) HOUSING.—Participating countries shall agree to evaluate means to provide housing incentives in the alien's home country for returning workers.

#### Subtitle B—Nonimmigrant Temporary Worker Program

##### SEC. 411. NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.

(a) NEW TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(W) an alien having a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform temporary labor or service, other than that

which would qualify an alien for status under sections 101(a)(15)(H)(i), 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 101(a)(15)(L), 101(a)(15)(O), 101(a)(15)(P), and who meets the requirements of section 218A; or”.

(b) REPEAL OF H-2B CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii) is amended by striking “, or (b) having a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform other temporary service or labor if unemployed persons capable of performing such service or labor cannot be found in this country, but this clause shall not apply to graduates of medical schools coming to the United States to perform services as members of the medical profession”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (U)(iii), by striking “or” at the end; and

(2) in subparagraph (V)(ii)(II), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon and “or”.

##### SEC. 412. TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218 the following new section:

#### “SEC. 218A. TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may grant a temporary visa to a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W) who demonstrates an intent to perform labor or services in the United States (other than those occupational classifications covered under the provisions of clause (i)(b) or (ii)(a) of section 101(a)(15)(H) or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R) of section 101(a)(15)).

“(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.—In order to be eligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(W), an alien shall meet the following requirements:

“(1) ELIGIBILITY TO WORK.—The alien shall establish that the alien is capable of performing the labor or services required for an occupation under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(2) EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.—The alien must establish that he has a job offer from an employer authorized to hire aliens under the Alien Employment Management Program.

“(3) FEE.—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

“(4) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—The alien shall undergo a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(5) APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.—

“(A) APPLICATION FORM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall create an application form that an alien shall be required to complete as a condition of being admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(B) CONTENT.—In addition to any other information that the Secretary determines is required to determine an alien's eligibility for admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W), the Secretary shall require an alien to provide information concerning the alien's physical and mental health, criminal history and gang membership, immigration history, involvement with groups or individuals that have engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States Government, voter registration history, claims to United States citizenship, and tax history.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may require an alien to include



with the application a waiver of rights that explains to the alien that, in exchange for the discretionary benefit of admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W), the alien agrees to waive any right—

“(i) to administrative or judicial review or appeal of an immigration officer’s determination as to the alien’s admissibility; or

“(ii) to contest any removal action, other than on the basis of an application for asylum pursuant to the provisions contained in section 208 or 241(b)(3), or under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, if such removal action is initiated after the termination of the alien’s period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(D) KNOWLEDGE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a signed certification in which the alien certifies that the alien has read and understood all of the questions and statements on the application form, and that the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct, and that the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(c) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining an alien’s admissibility as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W)—

“(A) paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (7), and (9)(B) or (C) of section 212(a) may be waived for conduct that occurred on a date prior to the effective date of this Act; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security may not waive—

“(i) subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (H), or (I) of section 212(a)(2) (relating to criminals);

“(ii) section 212(a)(3) (relating to security and related grounds); or

“(iii) subparagraphs (A), (C) or (D) of section 212(a)(10) (relating to polygamists, child abductors and illegal voters);

“(C) for conduct that occurred prior to the date this Act was introduced in Congress, the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive the application of any provision of section 212(a) not listed in subparagraph (B) on behalf of an individual alien for humanitarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or when such waiver is otherwise in the public interest; and

“(D) nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to waive the provisions of section 212(a).

“(2) WAIVER FEE.—An alien who is granted a waiver under subparagraph (1) shall pay a \$500 fee upon approval of the alien’s visa application.

“(3) RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIONS.—An alien seeking renewal of authorized admission or subsequent admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) shall establish that the alien is not inadmissible under section 212(a).

“(d) BACKGROUND CHECKS AND INTERVIEW.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not admit, and the Secretary of State shall not issue a visa to, an alien seeking admission under section 101(a)(15)(W) until all appropriate background checks have been completed. The Secretary of State shall ensure that an employee of the Department of State conducts a personal interview of an applicant for a visa under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(e) INELIGIBLE TO CHANGE NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.—An alien admitted under

section 101(a)(15)(W) is ineligible to change status under section 248.

“(f) DURATION.—

“(1) GENERAL.—The period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under 101(a)(15)(W) shall be 2 years, and may not be extended. An alien is ineligible to reenter as an alien under 101(a)(15)(W) until the alien has resided continuously in the alien’s home country for a period of 1 year. The total period of admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) may not exceed 6 years.

“(2) SEASONAL WORKERS.—An alien who spends less than 6 months a year as a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W) is not subject to the time limitations under subparagraph (1).

“(3) COMMUTERS.—An alien who resides outside the United States, but who commutes to the United States to work as a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(W), is not subject to the time limitations under paragraph (1).

“(4) DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE.—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status, who remains in the United States under such status for—

“(A) a period of 2 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 5 years;

“(B) a period of 3 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 4 years;

“(C) a period of 4 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 3 years; or

“(D) a period of 5 years, may not be granted status as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) for more than a total of 2 years.

“(g) INTENT TO RETURN HOME.—In addition to other requirements in this section, an alien is not eligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) unless the alien—

“(1) maintains a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(2) is present in such foreign country for at least 7 consecutive days during each year that the alien is a temporary worker.

“(h) BIOMETRIC DOCUMENTATION.—Evidence of status under section 101(a)(15)(W) shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and allow for biometric authentication. The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to incorporate integrated-circuit technology into the document. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the Forensic Document Laboratory in designing the document. The document may serve as a travel, entry, and work authorization document during the period of its validity.

“(i) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—An alien who fails to depart the United States prior to 10 days after the date that the alien’s authorized period of admission as a temporary worker ends is not eligible and may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law, with the exception of section 208 or 241(b)(3) or the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in the case of an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(j) PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OR OVERSTAY.—An alien who, after the effective date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005, enters the United States without inspection, or violates a term or condition of admission into the United States as a nonimmigrant, including overstaying the period of authorized admission, shall be ineligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) or Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 218B for a period of 10 years.

“(k) ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY WORKER TASK FORCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a task force to be known as the Temporary Worker Task Force (referred to in this section as the ‘Task Force’).

“(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

“(A) to study the impact of the admission of aliens under section 101(a)(15)(W) on the wages, working conditions, and employment of United States workers; and

“(B) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor regarding the need for an annual numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted in any fiscal year under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

“(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

“(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

“(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

“(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

“(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

“(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(4) QUALIFICATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

“(i) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

“(ii) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.

“(B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.

“(C) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

“(5) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005.

“(6) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

“(7) MEETINGS.—

“(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

“(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

“(8) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

“(9) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005, the Task Force shall submit to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland Security a report that contains—

“(A) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force;

“(B) recommendations for imposing a numerical limit.

“(10) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 6 months after the submission of the report,



the Secretary of Labor may impose a numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W). Any numerical limit shall not become effective until 6 months after the Secretary of Labor submits a report to Congress regarding the imposition of a numerical limit.

“(1) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) may be admitted to the United States—

“(i) as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(B) for a period of not more than 30 days, which may not be extended unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in his sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that exceptional circumstances exist; or

“(ii) under any other provision of this Act, if such family member is otherwise eligible for such admission.

“(B) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) who is seeking to be admitted as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(B) shall submit, in addition to any other fee authorized by law, an additional fee of \$100.

“(ii) USE OF FEE.—The fees collected under clause (i) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove illegal aliens.

“(m) TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, a nonimmigrant alien under section 101(a)(15)(W)—

“(A) may travel outside of the United States; and

“(B) may be readmitted without having to obtain a new visa if the period of authorized admission has not expired.

“(2) EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—Time spent outside the United States under paragraph (1) shall not extend the period of authorized admission in the United States.

“(n) EMPLOYMENT.—

“(1) PORTABILITY.—An alien may be employed by any United States employer authorized by the Secretary of Homeland Security to hire aliens admitted under section 218C.

“(2) CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT.—An alien must be employed while in the United States. An alien who fails to be employed for 30 days is ineligible for hire until the alien departs the United States and reenters as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W). The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in its sole and unreviewable discretion, reauthorize an alien for employment, without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(o) ENUMERATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement a system to allow for the enumeration of a Social Security number and production of a Social Security card at time of admission of an alien under section 101(a)(15)(W).

“(p) DENIAL OF DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—The determination of whether an alien is eligible for a grant of nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) is solely within the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction to review—

“(1) any judgment regarding the granting of relief under this section; or

“(2) any other decision or action of the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority for which is specified under this section to be in the discretion of the Secretary, other than the granting of relief under section 1158(a).

“(q) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

“(1) LIMITATIONS ON RELIEF.—Without regard to the nature of the action or claim and without regard to the identity of the party or parties bringing the action, no court may—

“(A) enter declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief in any action pertaining to—

“(i) an order or notice denying an alien a grant of nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) or any other benefit arising from such status; or

“(ii) an order of removal, exclusion, or deportation entered against an alien if such order is entered after the termination of the alien's period of authorized admission as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W); or

“(B) certify a class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in any action for which judicial review is authorized under a subsequent paragraph of this subsection.

“(2) CHALLENGES TO VALIDITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any right or benefit not otherwise waived or limited pursuant to this section is available in an action instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, but shall be limited to determinations of—

“(i) whether such section, or any regulation issued to implement such section, violates the Constitution of the United States; or

“(ii) whether such a regulation, or a written policy directive, written policy guideline, or written procedure issued by or under the authority the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement such section, is not consistent with applicable provisions of this section or is otherwise in violation of law.”.

(b) PROHIBITION ON CHANGE IN NON-IMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.—Section 248(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1258(1)) is amended by striking “or (S)” and inserting “(S), or (W)”.

#### SEC. 413. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this subtitle, or any amendment made by this title, shall be construed to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

#### SEC. 414. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for facilities, personnel (including consular officers), training, technology and processing necessary to carry out the amendments made by this subtitle.

#### Subtitle C—Mandatory Departure and Reentry in Legal Status

#### SEC. 421. MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY IN LEGAL STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218A, as added by section 412, the following new section:

#### “SEC. 218B. MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may grant Deferred Mandatory Departure status to aliens who are in the United States illegally to allow such aliens time to depart the United States and to seek admission as a nonimmigrant or immigrant alien.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) PRESENCE.—An alien must establish that the alien was physically present in the United States 1 year prior to the date of the introduction of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005 in

Congress and has been continuously in the United States since such date, and was not legally present in the United States under any classification set forth in section 101(a)(15) on that date.

“(2) EMPLOYMENT.—An alien must establish that the alien was employed in the United States prior to the date of the introduction of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005, and has been employed in the United States since that date.

“(3) ADMISSIBILITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien must establish that he—

“(i) is admissible to the United States, except as provided as in (B); and

“(ii) has not assisted in the persecution of any person or persons on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

“(B) GROUNDS NOT APPLICABLE.—The provisions of paragraphs (5), (6)(A), and (7) of section 212(a) shall not apply.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any other provision of section 212(a), or a ground of ineligibility under paragraph (4), in the case of individual aliens for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest.

“(4) INELIGIBLE.—An alien is ineligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status if the alien—

“(A) is subject to a final order of removal under section 240;

“(B) failed to depart the United States during the period of a voluntary departure order under section 240B;

“(C) has been issued a Notice to Appear under section 239, unless the sole acts of conduct alleged to be in violation of the law are that the alien is removable under section 237(a)(1)(C) or is inadmissible under section 212(a)(6)(A);

“(D) is a resident of a country for which the Secretary of State has made a determination that the government of such country has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism under section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)) or under section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371); or

“(E) fails to comply with any request for information by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(5) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—The alien may be required, at the alien's expense, to undergo such a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) as is appropriate and conforms to generally accepted professional standards of medical practice.

“(6) TERMINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may terminate an alien's Deferred Mandatory Departure status—

“(A) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that the alien was not in fact eligible for such status; or

“(B) if the alien commits an act that makes the alien removable from the United States.

“(7) APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.—

“(A) APPLICATION FORM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall create an application form that an alien shall be required to complete as a condition of obtaining Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(B) CONTENT.—In addition to any other information that the Secretary determines is required to determine an alien's eligibility for Deferred Mandatory Departure, the Secretary shall require an alien to answer questions concerning the alien's physical and mental health, criminal history and gang membership, immigration history, involvement with groups or individuals that have



engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States government, voter registration history, claims to United States citizenship, and tax history.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a waiver of rights that explains to the alien that, in exchange for the discretionary benefit of obtaining Deferred Mandatory Departure status, the alien agrees to waive any right to administrative or judicial review or appeal of an immigration officer's determination as to the alien's eligibility, or to contest any removal action, other than on the basis of an application for asylum pursuant to the provisions contained in section 208 or 241(b)(3), or under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984.

“(D) KNOWLEDGE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a signed certification in which the alien certifies that the alien has read and understood all of the questions and statements on the application form, and that the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct, and that the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(C) IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION TIME PERIODS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the application process is secure and incorporates anti-fraud protection. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall interview an alien to determine eligibility for Deferred Mandatory Departure status and shall utilize biometric authentication at time of document issuance.

“(2) INITIAL RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall begin accepting applications for Deferred Mandatory Departure status not later than 3 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005.

“(3) APPLICATION.—An alien must submit an initial application for Deferred Mandatory Departure status not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005. An alien that fails to comply with this requirement is ineligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(4) COMPLETION OF PROCESSING.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all applications for Deferred Mandatory Departure status are processed not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005.

“(d) SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS.—An alien may not be granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status unless the alien submits biometric data in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Homeland Security. The Secretary of Homeland Security may not grant Deferred Mandatory Departure status until all appropriate background checks are completed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(e) ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—An alien who applies for Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) an acknowledgment made in writing and under oath that the alien—

“(A) is unlawfully present in the United States and subject to removal or deportation, as appropriate, under this Act; and

“(B) understands the terms of the terms of Deferred Mandatory Departure;

“(2) any Social Security account number or card in the possession of the alien or relied upon by the alien;

“(3) any false or fraudulent documents in the alien's possession.

“(f) MANDATORY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, grant an alien Deferred Mandatory Departure status for a period not to exceed 5 years.

“(2) REGISTRATION AT TIME OF DEPARTURE.—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure must depart prior to the expiration of the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status. The alien must register with the Secretary of Homeland Security at time of departure and surrender any evidence of Deferred Mandatory Departure status at time of departure.

“(3) RETURN IN LEGAL STATUS.—An alien who complies with the terms of Deferred Mandatory Departure status and who departs prior to the expiration of such status shall not be subject to section 212(a)(9)(B) and, if otherwise eligible, may immediately seek admission as a nonimmigrant or immigrant.

“(4) FAILURE TO DEPART.—An alien who fails to depart the United States prior to the expiration of Mandatory Deferred Departure status is not eligible and may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law for a period of 10 years, with the exception of section 208 or 241(b)(3) or the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in the case of an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(5) PENALTIES FOR DELAYED DEPARTURE.—An alien who fails to depart immediately shall be subject to the following fees:

“(A) No fine if the alien departs within the first year after the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(B) \$2,000 if the alien does not depart within the second year after the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(C) \$3,000 if the alien does not depart within the third year following the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(D) \$4,000 if the alien does not depart within the fourth year following the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(E) \$5,000 if the alien does not depart during the fifth year following the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(g) EVIDENCE OF DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE STATUS.—Evidence of Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and allow for biometric authentication. The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to incorporate integrated-circuit technology into the document. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the Forensic Document Laboratory in designing the document. The document may serve as a travel, entry, and work authorization document during the period of its validity. The document may be accepted by an employer as evidence of employment authorization and identity under section 274A(b)(1)(B).

“(h) TERMS OF STATUS.—

“(1) REPORTING.—During the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure, an alien shall comply with all registration requirements under section 264.

“(2) TRAVEL.—

“(A) An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure is not subject to section 212(a)(9) for any unlawful presence that occurred prior to the Secretary of Homeland Security

granting the alien Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(B) Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure—

“(i) may travel outside of the United States and may be readmitted if the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status has not expired; and

“(ii) must establish at the time of application for admission that the alien is admissible under section 212.

“(C) EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—Time spent outside the United States under subparagraph (B) shall not extend the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(3) BENEFITS.—During the period in which an alien is granted Deferred Mandatory Departure under this section—

“(A) the alien shall not be considered to be permanently residing in the United States under the color of law and shall be treated as a nonimmigrant admitted under section 214; and

“(B) the alien may be deemed ineligible for public assistance by a State (as defined in section 101(a)(36)) or any political subdivision thereof which furnishes such assistance.

“(i) PROHIBITION ON CHANGE OF STATUS OR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status is prohibited from applying to change status under section 248 or, unless otherwise eligible under section 245(i), from applying for adjustment of status to that of a permanent resident under section 245.

“(j) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien seeking a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall submit, in addition to any other fees authorized by law, an application fee of \$1,000.

“(2) USE OF FEE.—The fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove illegal aliens.

“(k) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

“(1) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status is subject to the same terms and conditions as the principal alien, but is not authorized to work in the United States.

“(B) APPLICATION FEE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The spouse or child of an alien seeking Deferred Mandatory Departure shall submit, in addition to any other fee authorized by law, an additional fee of \$500.

“(ii) USE OF FEE.—The fees collected under clause (i) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove aliens who are removable under section 237.

“(1) EMPLOYMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien may be employed by any United States employer authorized by the Secretary of Homeland Security to hire aliens under section 218C.

“(2) CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT.—An alien must be employed while in the United States. An alien who fails to be employed for 30 days is ineligible for hire until the alien has departed the United States and reentered. The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, reauthorize an alien for employment without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(m) ENUMERATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of the Social Security System, shall implement a system to allow for the enumeration of a Social Security number and production of a Social Security card at the time the



Secretary of Homeland Security grants an alien Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(n) **PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—

“(A) **VIOLATION.**—It shall be unlawful for any person—

“(i) to file or assist in filing an application for adjustment of status under this section and knowingly and willfully falsify, misrepresent, conceal, or cover up a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or make or use any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; or

“(ii) to create or supply a false writing or document for use in making such an application.

“(B) **PENALTY.**—Any person who violates subparagraph (A) shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) **INADMISSIBILITY.**—An alien who is convicted of a crime under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be inadmissible to the United States on the ground described in section 212(a)(6)(C)(i).

“(o) **RELATION TO CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.**—With respect to an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status under this section, the period of such status shall not be counted as a period of physical presence in the United States for purposes of section 240A(a), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that extreme hardship exists.

“(p) **WAIVER OF RIGHTS.**—An alien is not eligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status, unless the alien has waived any right to contest, other than on the basis of an application for asylum or protection under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, any action for deportation or removal of the alien that is instituted against the alien subsequent to a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(q) **DENIAL OF DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.**—The determination of whether an alien is eligible for a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status is solely within the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction to review—

“(1) any judgment regarding the granting of relief under this section; or

“(2) any other decision or action of the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority for which is specified under this section to be in the discretion of the Secretary, other than the granting of relief under section 1158(a).

“(r) **JUDICIAL REVIEW.**—

“(1) **LIMITATIONS ON RELIEF.**—Without regard to the nature of the action or claim and without regard to the identity of the party or parties bringing the action, no court may—

“(A) enter declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief in any action pertaining to—

“(i) an order or notice denying an alien a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status or any other benefit arising from such status; or

“(ii) an order of removal, exclusion, or deportation entered against an alien after a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status; or

“(B) certify a class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in any action for which judicial review is authorized under a subsequent paragraph of this subsection.

“(2) **CHALLENGES TO VALIDITY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any right or benefit not otherwise waived or limited pursuant this

section is available in an action instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, but shall be limited to determinations of—

“(i) whether such section, or any regulation issued to implement such section, violates the Constitution of the United States; or

“(ii) whether such a regulation, or a written policy directive, written policy guideline, or written procedure issued by or under the authority the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement such section, is not consistent with applicable provisions of this section or is otherwise in violation of law.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Amend section 237(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting “(or 6 months in the case of an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 218B).”.

#### **SEC. 422. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

Nothing in this subtitle, or any amendment made by this subtitle, shall be construed to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

#### **SEC. 423. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000,000 for facilities, personnel (including consular officers), training, technology, and processing necessary to carry out the amendments made by this subtitle.

#### **Subtitle D—Alien Employment Management System**

#### **SEC. 431. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218B, as added by section 621, the following new section:

#### **“SEC. 218C. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

“(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

“(1) **PURPOSE.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of State, and the Commissioner of Social Security, shall develop and implement a program to authorize, manage and track the employment of aliens described in section 218A or 218B.

“(2) **DEADLINE.**—The program under subsection (a) shall commence prior to any alien being admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W) or granted Deferred Mandatory Departure under section 218B.

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The program shall—

“(1) enable employers who seek to hire aliens described in section 218A or 218B to apply for authorization to employ such aliens;

“(2) be interoperable with Social Security databases and must provide a means of immediately verifying the identity and employment authorization of an alien described in section 218A or 218B, for purposes of complying with title III of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005;

“(3) require an employer to utilize readers or scanners at the location of employment or at a Federal facility to transmit the biometric and biographic information contained in the alien's evidence of status to the Secretary of Homeland Security, for purposes of complying with title III of the Comprehensive Enforcement and Immigration Reform Act of 2005; and

“(4) collect sufficient information from employers to enable the Secretary of Homeland Security to identify—

“(A) whether an alien described in section 218A or 218B is employed;

“(B) any employer that has hired an alien described in section 218A or 218B;

“(C) the number of aliens described in section 218A or 218B that an employer is authorized to hire and is currently employing; and

“(D) the occupation, industry and length of time that an alien described in section 218A or 218B has been employed in the United States.

“(c) **AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ALIENS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 218A OR 218B.**—

“(1) **APPLICATION.**—An employer must apply, through the program described in subsection (a) of this section, to obtain authorization to hire aliens described in section 218A or 218B.

“(2) **PENALTIES.**—An employer who employs an alien described in section 218A or 218B without authorization is subject to the same penalties and provisions as an employer who violates section 274(a)(1)(A) or (a)(2). An employer shall be subject to penalties prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security by regulation, which may include monetary penalties and debarment from eligibility to hire aliens described in section 218A or 218B.

“(3) **ELIGIBILITY.**—An employer must establish that it is a legitimate company and must attest that it will comply with the terms of the program established under subsection (a).

“(4) **NUMBER OF ALIENS AUTHORIZED.**—An employer may request authorization to multiple aliens described in section 218A or 218B.

“(5) **ELECTRONIC FORM.**—The program established under subsection (a) shall permit employers to submit applications under this subsection in an electronic form.

“(d) **NOTIFICATION UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.**—An employer, through the program established under subsection (a), must notify the Secretary of Homeland Security not more than 3 business days after the date of the termination of the alien's employment. The employer is not authorized to fill the position with another alien described in section 218A or 218B until the employer notifies the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien is no longer employed by that employer.

“(e) **PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.**—An employer may not be authorized to hire an alien described in section 218A or 218B until the employer submits an attestation stating the following:

“(1) The employer has posted the position in a national, electronic job registry maintained by the Secretary of Labor, for not less than 30 days.

“(2) The employer has offered the position to any eligible United States worker who applies and is equally or better qualified for the job for which a temporary worker is sought and who will be available at the time and place of need. An employer shall maintain records for not less than 1 year demonstrating that why United States workers who applied were not hired.

“(3) The employer shall comply with the terms of the program established under subsection (a), including the terms of any temporary worker monitoring program established by the Secretary.

“(4) The employer shall not hire more aliens than the number authorized by the Secretary of Homeland Security has authorized it to hire.

“(5) The worker shall be paid at least the greater of the hourly wage prescribed under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) or the applicable State minimum wage. All wages will be paid in a timely manner and all payroll records will be maintained accurately.

“(6) The employment of a temporary worker shall not adversely affect the working conditions of other similarly employed United States workers.



“(f) APPROVAL.—After determining that there are no United States workers who are qualified and willing to obtain the employment for which the employer is seeking temporary workers, the Secretary of Homeland Security may approve the application submitted by the employer under this paragraph for the number of temporary workers that the Secretary determines are required by the employer. Such approval shall be valid for a 2-year period.”.

#### SEC. 432. LABOR INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Labor shall conduct audits, including random audits, of employers who employ aliens described under section 218A or 218B of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 412 and 421, respectively.

(b) PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish penalties, which may include debarment from eligibility for hire also described under section 218A, as added by section 412 of this Act, for employers who fail to comply with section 218C of the Immigration and Nationality Act as added by section 431 of this Act, and shall establish protections for aliens who report employers who fail to comply with such section.

#### Subtitle E—Protection Against Immigration Fraud

#### SEC. 441. GRANTS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(a) GENERAL PROGRAM PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subtitle is to assist qualified non-profit community organizations to educate, train, and support non-profit agencies, immigrant communities, and other interested entities regarding this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

(b) PURPOSES FOR WHICH GRANTS MAY BE USED.—The grants under this part shall be used to fund public education, training, technical assistance, government liaison, and all related costs (including personnel and equipment) incurred by non-profit community organizations in providing services related to this Act, and to educate, train and support non-profit organizations, immigrant communities, and other interested parties regarding this Act and the amendments made by this Act and on matters related to its implementation. In particular, funding shall be provided to non-profit organizations for the purposes of—

(1) educating immigrant communities and other interested entities on the individuals and organizations that can provide authorized legal representation in immigration matters under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and on the dangers of securing legal advice and assistance from those who are not authorized to provide legal representation in immigration matters;

(2) educating interested entities on the requirements for obtaining non-profit recognition and accreditation to represent immigrants under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and providing non-profit agencies with training and technical assistance on the recognition and accreditation process; and

(3) educating non-profit community organizations, immigrant communities and other interested entities on the process for obtaining benefits under this Act or an amendment made by this Act, and the availability of authorized legal representation for low-income persons who may qualify for benefits under this Act or an amendment made by this Act.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office of Justice Programs at the United States Department of Justice to carry out this section—

(1) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

(2) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

(3) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

(d) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Justice Programs shall ensure, to the extent possible, that the non-profit community organizations funded under this Section shall serve geographically diverse locations and ethnically diverse populations who may qualify for benefits under the Act.

#### Subtitle F—Circular Migration

#### SEC. 451. INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer at least quarterly from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund 100 percent of the temporary worker taxes to the Temporary Worker Investment Fund for deposit in a temporary worker investment account for each temporary worker as specified in section 253.

“(2) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘temporary worker taxes’ means that portion of the amounts appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund under this section and properly attributable to the wages (as defined in section 3121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and self-employment income (as defined in section 1402 of such Code) of temporary workers as determined by the Commissioner of Social Security; and

“(B) the term ‘temporary worker’ means an alien who is admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.”.

(b) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.—Title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by inserting before section 201 the “PART A—SOCIAL SECURITY”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

#### “PART II—TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

##### “DEFINITIONS

“SEC. 251. For purposes of this part:

“(1) COVERED EMPLOYER.—The term ‘covered employer’ means, for any calendar year, any person on whom an excise tax is imposed under section 3111 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to having an individual in the person’s employ to whom wages are paid by such person during such calendar year.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(3) TEMPORARY WORKER.—The term ‘temporary worker’ an alien who is admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

“(4) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—The term ‘temporary worker investment account’ means an account for a temporary worker which is administered by the Secretary through the Temporary Worker Investment Fund.

“(5) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT FUND.—The term ‘Temporary Worker Investment Fund’ means the fund established under section 253.

#### “TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

“SEC. 252. (a) IN GENERAL.—A temporary worker investment account shall be established by the Secretary in the Temporary Worker Investment Fund for each individual not later than 10 business days after the covered employer of such individual submits a W-4 form (or any successor form) identifying such individual as a temporary worker.

“(b) TIME ACCOUNT TAKES EFFECT.—A temporary worker investment account established under subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to the first pay period beginning more than 14 days after the date of such establishment.

“(c) TEMPORARY WORKER’S PROPERTY RIGHT IN TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—The temporary worker investment account established for a temporary worker is the sole property of the worker.

#### “TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT FUND

“SEC. 253. (a) IN GENERAL.—There is created on the books of the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the ‘Temporary Worker Investment Fund’ to be administered by the Secretary. Such Fund shall consist of the assets transferred under section 201(o) to each temporary worker investment account established under section 252 and the income earned under subsection (e) and credited to such account.

“(b) NOTICE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The full amount of a temporary worker’s investment account transfers shall be shown on such worker’s W-2 tax statement, as provided in section 6051(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

#### “(c) INVESTMENT EARNINGS REPORT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—At least annually, the Temporary Worker Investment Fund shall provide to each temporary worker with a temporary worker investment account managed by the Fund a temporary worker investment status report. Such report may be transmitted electronically upon the agreement of the temporary worker under the terms and conditions established by the Secretary.

“(2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The temporary worker investment status report, with respect to a temporary worker investment account, shall provide the following information:

“(A) The total amounts transferred under section 201(o) in the last quarter, the last year, and since the account was established.

“(B) The amount and rate of income earned under subsection (e) for each period described in subparagraph (A).

“(d) MAXIMUM ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—The Temporary Worker Investment Fund shall charge each temporary worker in the Fund a single, uniform annual administrative fee not to exceed 0.3 percent of the value of the assets invested in the worker’s account.

“(e) INVESTMENT DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish policies for the investment and management of temporary worker investment accounts, including policies that shall provide for prudent Federal Government investment instruments suitable for accumulating funds.

#### “TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS

“SEC. 254. (a) DATE OF DISTRIBUTION.—Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a distribution of the balance in a temporary worker investment account may only be made on or after the date such worker departs the United States and abandons such worker’s nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(W) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and returns to the worker’s home country.

“(b) DISTRIBUTION IN THE EVENT OF DEATH.—If the temporary worker dies before the date determined under subsection (a), the balance in the worker’s account shall be distributed to the worker’s estate under rules established by the Secretary.”.

(c) TEMPORARY WORKER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TRANSFERS SHOWN ON W-2s.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6051(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to receipts for employees) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (12);



(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (13) and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (13) the following:

“(14) in the case of a temporary worker (as defined in section 251(1) of the Social Security Act), of the amount shown pursuant to paragraph (6), the total amount transferred to such worker’s temporary worker investment account under section 201(o) of such Act.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 6051 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(6), by inserting “and paid as tax under section 3111” after “section 3101”; and

(B) in subsection (c), by inserting “and paid as tax under section 3111” after “section 3101”.

#### Subtitle G—Backlog Reduction

##### SEC. 461. EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.

(a) EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANT LIMIT.—Section 201(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—The worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(1) 140,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those years; and

“(B) the number of visas described in subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005; and

“(4) the number of visas previously made available under section 203(e).”.

(b) DIVERSITY VISA TERMINATION.—The allocation of immigrant visas to aliens under section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)), and the admission of such aliens to the United States as immigrants, is terminated. This provision shall become effective on October 1st of the fiscal year following enactment of this Act.

(c) IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a task force to be known as the Immigration Task Force (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

(A) to study the impact of the delay between the date on which an application for immigration is submitted and the date on which a determination on such application is made;

(B) to study the impact of immigration of workers to the United States on family unity; and

(C) to provide to Congress any recommendations of the Task Force regarding increasing the number immigrant visas issued by the United States for family members and on the basis of employment.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(4) QUALIFICATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

(i) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

(ii) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.

(B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.

(C) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

(5) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(6) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(7) MEETINGS.—

(A) INITIAL MEETING.—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

(B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

(8) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

(9) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland Security a report that contains—

(A) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force; and

(B) recommendations for modifying the numerical limits on the number immigrant visas issued by the United States for family members of individuals in the United States and on the basis of employment.

##### SEC. 462. COUNTRY LIMITS.

Section 202(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”; and

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

##### SEC. 463. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.

(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “10 percent”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “10 percent”;

(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”; and

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “4 percent”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) OTHER WORKERS.—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 36 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.—Section 101(a)(27)(M) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4),”.

(2) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS’ VISAS.—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

#### Subtitle H—Temporary Agricultural Workers

##### SEC. 471. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.

It is the sense of the Senate that consideration of any comprehensive immigration reform during the 109th Congress will include agricultural workers.

#### Subtitle I—Effect of Other Provisions

##### SEC. 481. EFFECT OF OTHER PROVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the provisions of, and the amendments made by, titles V and VI of this Act are null and void.

**SA 3424.** Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Reference to the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Severability.

#### TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT

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- Sec. 111. Surveillance plan.
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##### Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives

- Sec. 121. Biometric data enhancements.
- Sec. 122. Secure communication.



- Sec. 123. Border patrol training capacity review.
- Sec. 124. US-VISIT System.
- Sec. 125. Document fraud detection.
- Sec. 126. Improved document integrity.
- Sec. 127. Cancellation of visas.
- Sec. 128. Biometric entry-exit system.
- Sec. 129. Border study.
- Sec. 130. Secure border initiative financial accountability.
- Sec. 131. Mandatory detention for aliens apprehended at or between ports of entry.
- Sec. 132. Evasion of inspection or violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.

Subtitle D—Border Tunnel Prevention Act

- Sec. 141. Short title.
- Sec. 142. Construction of border tunnel or passage.
- Sec. 143. Directive to the United States Sentencing Commission.

Subtitle E—Border Law Enforcement Relief Act

- Sec. 151. Short title.
- Sec. 152. Findings.
- Sec. 153. Border relief grant program.
- Sec. 154. Enforcement of Federal immigration law.

TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT

- Sec. 201. Removal and denial of benefits to terrorist aliens.
- Sec. 202. Detention and removal of aliens ordered removed.
- Sec. 203. Aggravated felony.
- Sec. 204. Terrorist bars.
- Sec. 205. Increased criminal penalties related to gang violence, removal, and alien smuggling.
- Sec. 206. Illegal entry.
- Sec. 207. Illegal reentry.
- Sec. 208. Reform of passport, visa, and immigration fraud offenses.
- Sec. 209. Inadmissibility and removal for passport and immigration fraud offenses.
- Sec. 210. Incarceration of criminal aliens.
- Sec. 211. Encouraging aliens to depart voluntarily.
- Sec. 212. Deterring aliens ordered removed from remaining in the United States unlawfully.
- Sec. 213. Prohibition of the sale of firearms to, or the possession of firearms by certain aliens.
- Sec. 214. Uniform statute of limitations for certain immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.
- Sec. 215. Diplomatic security service.
- Sec. 216. Field agent allocation and background checks.
- Sec. 217. Construction.
- Sec. 218. State criminal alien assistance program.
- Sec. 219. Transportation and processing of illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers.
- Sec. 220. Reducing illegal immigration and alien smuggling on tribal lands.
- Sec. 221. Alternatives to detention.
- Sec. 222. Conforming amendment.
- Sec. 223. Reporting requirements.
- Sec. 224. State and local enforcement of Federal immigration laws.
- Sec. 225. Removal of drunk drivers.
- Sec. 226. Medical services in underserved areas.
- Sec. 227. Expedited removal.
- Sec. 228. Protecting immigrants from convicted sex offenders.
- Sec. 229. Law enforcement authority of States and political subdivisions and transfer to Federal custody.

- Sec. 230. Laundering of monetary instruments.
- Sec. 231. Listing of immigration violators in the National Crime Information Center database.
- Sec. 232. Cooperative enforcement programs.
- Sec. 233. Increase of Federal detention space and the utilization of facilities identified for closures as a result of the Defense Base Closure Realignment Act of 1990.
- Sec. 234. Determination of immigration status of individuals charged with Federal offenses.

TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS

- Sec. 301. Unlawful employment of aliens.
- Sec. 302. Employer Compliance Fund.
- Sec. 303. Additional worksite enforcement and fraud detection agents.
- Sec. 304. Clarification of ineligibility for misrepresentation.

TITLE IV—NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA REFORM

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- Sec. 401. Immigration impact study.
- Sec. 402. Nonimmigrant temporary worker.
- Sec. 403. Admission of nonimmigrant temporary guest workers.
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- Sec. 406. Rulemaking; effective date.
- Sec. 407. Recruitment of United States workers.
- Sec. 408. Temporary guest worker visa program task force.
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- Sec. 411. L visa limitations.
- Sec. 412. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Immigration Injunction Reform

- Sec. 421. Short title.
- Sec. 422. Appropriate remedies for immigration legislation.
- Sec. 423. Effective date.

TITLE V—BACKLOG REDUCTION

- Sec. 501. Elimination of existing backlogs.
- Sec. 502. Country limits.
- Sec. 503. Allocation of immigrant visas.
- Sec. 504. Relief for minor children.
- Sec. 505. Shortage occupations.
- Sec. 506. Relief for widows and orphans.
- Sec. 507. Student visas.
- Sec. 508. Visas for individuals with advanced degrees.

TITLE VI—WORK AUTHORIZATION AND LEGALIZATION OF UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS

Subtitle A—Access to Earned Adjustment and Mandatory Departure and Reentry

- Sec. 601. Access to earned adjustment and mandatory departure and reentry.

Subtitle B—Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security

- Sec. 611. Short title.
- Sec. 612. Definitions.

CHAPTER 1—PILOT PROGRAM FOR EARNED STATUS ADJUSTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

- Sec. 613. Agricultural workers.
- Sec. 614. Correction of Social Security records.

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CHAPTER 3—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 616. Determination and use of user fees.
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- Sec. 618. Report to Congress.
- Sec. 619. Effective date.

Subtitle C—DREAM Act

- Sec. 621. Short title.
- Sec. 622. Definitions.
- Sec. 623. Restoration of State option to determine residency for purposes of higher education benefits.
- Sec. 624. Cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain long-term residents who entered the United States as children.
- Sec. 625. Conditional permanent resident status.
- Sec. 626. Retroactive benefits.
- Sec. 627. Exclusive jurisdiction.
- Sec. 628. Penalties for false statements in application.
- Sec. 629. Confidentiality of information.
- Sec. 630. Expedited processing of applications; prohibition on fees.
- Sec. 631. Higher Education assistance.
- Sec. 632. GAO report.

Subtitle D—Grant Programs to Assist Nonimmigrant Workers

- Sec. 641. Grants to support public education and community training.
- Sec. 642. Funding for the Office of Citizenship.
- Sec. 643. Civics integration grant program.
- Sec. 644. Strengthening American citizenship.

SEC. 2. REFERENCE TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, any amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions of such to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected by such holding.

TITLE I—BORDER ENFORCEMENT

Subtitle A—Assets for Controlling United States Borders

SEC. 101. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

(a) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—

(1) PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.—In each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase by not less than 500 the number of positions for full-time active duty port of entry inspectors and provide appropriate training, equipment, and support to such additional inspectors.

(2) INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL.—

(A) IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATORS.—Section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 118 Stat. 3734) is amended by striking “800” and inserting “1000”.

(B) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—In addition to the positions authorized under section 5203 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, as amended by subparagraph (A), during each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, increase



by not less than 200 the number of positions for personnel within the Department assigned to investigate alien smuggling.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **PORT OF ENTRY INSPECTORS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out paragraph (1) of subsection (a).

(2) **BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**—Section 5202 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (118 Stat. 3734) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 5202. INCREASE IN FULL-TIME BORDER PATROL AGENTS.**

“(a) **ANNUAL INCREASES.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase the number of positions for full-time active-duty border patrol agents within the Department of Homeland Security (above the number of such positions for which funds were appropriated for the preceding fiscal year), by—

- “(1) 2,000 in fiscal year 2006;
- “(2) 2,400 in fiscal year 2007;
- “(3) 2,400 in fiscal year 2008;
- “(4) 2,400 in fiscal year 2009;
- “(5) 2,400 in fiscal year 2010; and
- “(6) 2,400 in fiscal year 2011;

“(b) **NORTHERN BORDER.**—In each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2011, in addition to the border patrol agents assigned along the northern border of the United States during the previous fiscal year, the Secretary shall assign a number of border patrol agents equal to not less than 20 percent of the net increase in border patrol agents during each such fiscal year.

“(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.”.

**SEC. 102. TECHNOLOGICAL ASSETS.**

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall procure additional unmanned aerial vehicles, cameras, poles, sensors, and other technologies necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States and to establish a security perimeter known as a “virtual fence” along such international borders to provide a barrier to illegal immigration.

(b) **INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.**—The Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan to use authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense under chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the availability and use of Department of Defense equipment, including unmanned aerial vehicles, tethered aerostat radars, and other surveillance equipment, to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance activities conducted at or near the international land borders of the United States to prevent illegal immigration.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the current use of Department of Defense equipment to assist the Secretary in carrying out surveillance of the international land borders of the United States and assessment of the risks to citizens of the United States and foreign policy interests associated with the use of such equipment;

(2) the plan developed under subsection (b) to increase the use of Department of Defense equipment to assist such surveillance activities; and

(3) a description of the types of equipment and other support to be provided by the Sec-

retary of Defense under such plan during the 1-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the report.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

(e) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed as altering or amending the prohibition on the use of any part of the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus under section 1385 of title 18, United States Code.

**SEC. 103. INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct all-weather roads and acquire additional vehicle barriers and facilities necessary to achieve operational control of the international borders of the United States.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out subsection (a).

**SEC. 104. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS.**

The Secretary may maintain temporary or permanent checkpoints on roadways in border patrol sectors that are located in proximity to the international border between the United States and Mexico.

**SEC. 105. PORTS OF ENTRY.**

The Secretary is authorized to—

(1) construct additional ports of entry along the international land borders of the United States, at locations to be determined by the Secretary; and

(2) make necessary improvements to the ports of entry in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 106. CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC BORDER FENCING AND VEHICLE BARRIERS.**

(a) **TUCSON SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

- (1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Tucson Sector located proximate to population centers in Douglas, Nogales, Naco, and Lukeville, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas, except that the double- or triple-layered fence shall extend west of Naco, Arizona, for a distance of 10 miles; and

(3) construct not less than 150 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Tucson Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(b) **YUMA SECTOR.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) replace all aged, deteriorating, or damaged primary fencing in the Yuma Sector located proximate to population centers in Yuma, Somerton, and San Luis, Arizona with double- or triple-layered fencing running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico;

(2) extend the double- or triple-layered fencing for a distance of not less than 2 miles beyond urban areas in the Yuma Sector.

(3) construct not less than 50 miles of vehicle barriers and all-weather roads in the Yuma Sector running parallel to the international border between the United States and Mexico in areas that are known transit points for illegal cross-border traffic.

(c) **CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary shall immediately commence construction of the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b), and shall complete such construction not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes the progress that has been made in constructing the fencing, barriers, and roads described in subsections (a) and (b).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**Subtitle B—Border Security Plans, Strategies, and Reports**

**SEC. 111. SURVEILLANCE PLAN.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of existing technologies employed on the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(2) A description of the compatibility of new surveillance technologies with surveillance technologies in use by the Secretary on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) A description of how the Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department is working, or is expected to work, with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department to identify and test surveillance technology.

(4) A description of the specific surveillance technology to be deployed.

(5) Identification of any obstacles that may impede such deployment.

(6) A detailed estimate of all costs associated with such deployment and with continued maintenance of such technologies.

(7) A description of how the Secretary is working with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on safety and airspace control issues associated with the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan required by this section.

**SEC. 112. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BORDER SECURITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a National Strategy for Border Security that describes actions to be carried out to achieve operational control over all ports of entry into the United States and the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(b) **CONTENT.**—The National Strategy for Border Security shall include the following:

(1) The implementation schedule for the comprehensive plan for systematic surveillance described in section 111.

(2) An assessment of the threat posed by terrorists and terrorist groups that may try to infiltrate the United States at locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(3) A risk assessment for all United States ports of entry and all portions of the international land and maritime borders of the United States that includes a description of activities being undertaken—

(A) to prevent the entry of terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband into the United States; and

(B) to protect critical infrastructure at or near such ports of entry or borders.



(4) An assessment of the legal requirements that prevent achieving and maintaining operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(5) An assessment of the most appropriate, practical, and cost-effective means of defending the international land and maritime borders of the United States against threats to security and illegal transit, including intelligence capacities, technology, equipment, personnel, and training needed to address security vulnerabilities.

(6) An assessment of staffing needs for all border security functions, taking into account threat and vulnerability information pertaining to the borders and the impact of new security programs, policies, and technologies.

(7) A description of the border security roles and missions of Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal authorities, and recommendations regarding actions the Secretary can carry out to improve coordination with such authorities to enable border security and enforcement activities to be carried out in a more efficient and effective manner.

(8) An assessment of existing efforts and technologies used for border security and the effect of the use of such efforts and technologies on civil rights, personal property rights, privacy rights, and civil liberties, including an assessment of efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims, unaccompanied minor aliens, and other vulnerable populations.

(9) A prioritized list of research and development objectives to enhance the security of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(10) A description of ways to ensure that the free flow of travel and commerce is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

(11) An assessment of additional detention facilities and beds that are needed to detain unlawful aliens apprehended at United States ports of entry or along the international land borders of the United States.

(12) A description of the performance metrics to be used to ensure accountability by the bureaus of the Department in implementing such Strategy.

(13) A schedule for the implementation of the security measures described in such Strategy, including a prioritization of security measures, realistic deadlines for addressing the security and enforcement needs, an estimate of the resources needed to carry out such measures, and a description of how such resources should be allocated.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the National Strategy for Border Security, the Secretary shall consult with representatives of—

(1) State, local, and tribal authorities with responsibility for locations along the international land and maritime borders of the United States; and

(2) appropriate private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, and affected communities that have expertise in areas related to border security.

(d) COORDINATION.—The National Strategy for Border Security shall be consistent with the National Strategy for Maritime Security developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 13, dated December 21, 2004.

(e) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the National Strategy for Border Security.

(2) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress any update of such Strategy that

the Secretary determines is necessary, not later than 30 days after such update is developed.

(f) IMMEDIATE ACTION.—Nothing in this section or section 111 may be construed to relieve the Secretary of the responsibility to take all actions necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States.

#### SEC. 113. REPORTS ON IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a report on improving the exchange of information related to the security of North America.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of the following:

(1) SECURITY CLEARANCES AND DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.—The progress made toward the development of common enrollment, security, technical, and biometric standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of secure documents, including—

(A) technical and biometric standards based on best practices and consistent with international standards for the issuance, authentication, validation, and repudiation of travel documents, including—

- (i) passports;
- (ii) visas; and
- (iii) permanent resident cards;

(B) working with Canada and Mexico to encourage foreign governments to enact laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking, and laws to forbid the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents and to promote information sharing;

(C) applying the necessary pressures and support to ensure that other countries meet proper travel document standards and are committed to travel document verification before the citizens of such countries travel internationally, including travel by such citizens to the United States; and

(D) providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with visa and travel documents.

(2) IMMIGRATION AND VISA MANAGEMENT.—The progress of efforts to share information regarding high-risk individuals who may attempt to enter Canada, Mexico, or the United States, including the progress made—

(A) in implementing the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing, signed by Canada and the United States in February 2003; and

(B) in identifying trends related to immigration fraud, including asylum and document fraud, and to analyze such trends.

(3) VISA POLICY COORDINATION AND IMMIGRATION SECURITY.—The progress made by Canada, Mexico, and the United States to enhance the security of North America by cooperating on visa policy and identifying best practices regarding immigration security, including the progress made—

(A) in enhancing consultation among officials who issue visas at the consulates or embassies of Canada, Mexico, or the United States throughout the world to share information, trends, and best practices on visa flows;

(B) in comparing the procedures and policies of Canada and the United States related to visitor visa processing, including—

- (i) application process;
- (ii) interview policy;
- (iii) general screening procedures;

(iv) visa validity;

(v) quality control measures; and

(vi) access to appeal or review;

(C) in exploring methods for Canada, Mexico, and the United States to waive visa requirements for nationals and citizens of the same foreign countries;

(D) in providing technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with immigration violators;

(E) in developing and implementing an immigration security strategy for North America that works toward the development of a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance automated reporting and risk targeting of international passengers;

(F) in sharing information on lost and stolen passports on a real-time basis among immigration or law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(G) in collecting 10 fingerprints from each individual who applies for a visa.

(4) NORTH AMERICAN VISITOR OVERSTAY PROGRAM.—The progress made by Canada and the United States in implementing parallel entry-exit tracking systems that, while respecting the privacy laws of both countries, share information regarding third country nationals who have overstayed their period of authorized admission in either Canada or the United States.

(5) TERRORIST WATCH LISTS.—The progress made in enhancing the capacity of the United States to combat terrorism through the coordination of counterterrorism efforts, including the progress made—

(A) in developing and implementing bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States and between Mexico and the United States to govern the sharing of terrorist watch list data and to comprehensively enumerate the uses of such data by the governments of each country;

(B) in establishing appropriate linkages among Canada, Mexico, and the United States Terrorist Screening Center; and

(C) in exploring with foreign governments the establishment of a multilateral watch list mechanism that would facilitate direct coordination between the country that identifies an individual as an individual included on a watch list, and the country that owns such list, including procedures that satisfy the security concerns and are consistent with the privacy and other laws of each participating country.

(6) MONEY LAUNDERING, CURRENCY SMUGGLING, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.—The progress made in improving information sharing and law enforcement cooperation in combating organized crime, including the progress made—

(A) in combating currency smuggling, money laundering, alien smuggling, and trafficking in alcohol, firearms, and explosives;

(B) in implementing the agreement between Canada and the United States known as the Firearms Trafficking Action Plan;

(C) in determining the feasibility of formulating a firearms trafficking action plan between Mexico and the United States;

(D) in developing a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Canada and the United States;

(E) in determining the feasibility of formulating a joint threat assessment on organized crime between Mexico and the United States;

(F) in developing mechanisms to exchange information on findings, seizures, and capture of individuals transporting undeclared currency; and

(G) in developing and implementing a plan to combat the transnational threat of illegal drug trafficking.



(7) **LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION.**—The progress made in enhancing law enforcement cooperation among Canada, Mexico, and the United States through enhanced technical assistance for the development and maintenance of a national database built upon identified best practices for biometrics associated with known and suspected criminals or terrorists, including exploring the formation of law enforcement teams that include personnel from the United States and Mexico, and appropriate procedures for such teams.

#### **SEC. 114. IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF MEXICO'S SOUTHERN BORDER.**

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall work to cooperate with the head of Foreign Affairs Canada and the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico to establish a program—

(1) to assess the specific needs of Guatemala and Belize in maintaining the security of the international borders of such countries;

(2) to use the assessment made under paragraph (1) to determine the financial and technical support needed by Guatemala and Belize from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to meet such needs;

(3) to provide technical assistance to Guatemala and Belize to promote issuance of secure passports and travel documents by such countries; and

(4) to encourage Guatemala and Belize—

(A) to control alien smuggling and trafficking;

(B) to prevent the use and manufacture of fraudulent travel documents; and

(C) to share relevant information with Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

(b) **BORDER SECURITY FOR BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall work to cooperate—

(1) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Guatemala and the Government of Belize to provide law enforcement assistance to Guatemala and Belize that specifically addresses immigration issues to increase the ability of the Government of Guatemala to dismantle human smuggling organizations and gain additional control over the international border between Guatemala and Belize; and

(2) with the appropriate officials of the Government of Belize, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Mexico, and the governments of neighboring contiguous countries to establish a program to provide needed equipment, technical assistance, and vehicles to manage, regulate, and patrol the international borders between Mexico and Guatemala and between Mexico and Belize.

(c) **TRACKING CENTRAL AMERICAN GANGS.**—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall work to cooperate with the appropriate officials of the Government of Mexico, the Government of Guatemala, the Government of Belize, and the governments of other Central American countries—

(1) to assess the direct and indirect impact on the United States and Central America of deporting violent criminal aliens;

(2) to establish a program and database to track individuals involved in Central American gang activities;

(3) to develop a mechanism that is acceptable to the governments of Belize, Guatemala, Mexico, the United States, and other appropriate countries to notify such a government if an individual suspected of gang activity will be deported to that country prior to the deportation and to provide support for the reintegration of such deportees into that country; and

(4) to develop an agreement to share all relevant information related to individuals connected with Central American gangs.

(d) **LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE.**—Any funds made available to carry out this section shall be subject to the limitations contained in section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-102; 119 Stat. 2218).

#### **SEC. 115. COMBATING HUMAN SMUGGLING.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.**—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan to improve coordination between the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department and any other Federal, State, local, or tribal authorities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, to improve coordination efforts to combat human smuggling.

(b) **CONTENT.**—In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the interoperability of databases utilized to prevent human smuggling;

(2) adequate and effective personnel training;

(3) methods and programs to effectively target networks that engage in such smuggling;

(4) effective utilization of—

(A) visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes; and

(B) investigatory techniques, equipment, and procedures that prevent, detect, and prosecute international money laundering and other operations that are utilized in smuggling;

(5) joint measures, with the Secretary of State, to enhance intelligence sharing and cooperation with foreign governments whose citizens are preyed on by human smugglers; and

(6) other measures that the Secretary considers appropriate to combating human smuggling.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after implementing the plan described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on such plan, including any recommendations for legislative action to improve efforts to combating human smuggling.

(d) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide additional authority to any State or local entity to enforce Federal immigration laws.

#### **SEC. 116. DEATHS AT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER.**

(a) **COLLECTION OF STATISTICS.**—The Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection shall collect statistics relating to deaths occurring at the border between the United States and Mexico, including—

(1) the causes of the deaths; and

(2) the total number of deaths.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection shall submit to the Secretary a report that—

(1) analyzes trends with respect to the statistics collected under subsection (a) during the preceding year; and

(2) recommends actions to reduce the deaths described in subsection (a).

#### **Subtitle C—Other Border Security Initiatives**

#### **SEC. 121. BIOMETRIC DATA ENHANCEMENTS.**

Not later than October 1, 2007, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Attorney General, enhance connectivity between the Automated Biometric Fingerprint Identification System (IDENT) of the Department and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure more expeditious data searches; and

(2) in consultation with the Secretary of State, collect all fingerprints from each alien required to provide fingerprints during the alien's initial enrollment in the integrated entry and exit data system described in section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a).

#### **SEC. 122. SECURE COMMUNICATION.**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as practicable, develop and implement a plan to improve the use of satellite communications and other technologies to ensure clear and secure 2-way communication capabilities—

(1) among all Border Patrol agents conducting operations between ports of entry;

(2) between Border Patrol agents and their respective Border Patrol stations;

(3) between Border Patrol agents and residents in remote areas along the international land borders of the United States; and

(4) between all appropriate border security agencies of the Department and State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

#### **SEC. 123. BORDER PATROL TRAINING CAPACITY REVIEW.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the basic training provided to Border Patrol agents by the Secretary to ensure that such training is provided as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

(b) **COMPONENTS OF REVIEW.**—The review under subsection (a) shall include the following components:

(1) An evaluation of the length and content of the basic training curriculum provided to new Border Patrol agents by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, including a description of how such curriculum has changed since September 11, 2001, and an evaluation of language and cultural diversity training programs provided within such curriculum.

(2) A review and a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to train 1 new Border Patrol agent.

(3) A comparison, based on the review and breakdown under paragraph (2), of the costs, effectiveness, scope, and quality, including geographic characteristics, with other similar training programs provided by State and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and the private sector.

(4) An evaluation of whether utilizing comparable non-Federal training programs, proficiency testing, and long-distance learning programs may affect—

(A) the cost-effectiveness of increasing the number of Border Patrol agents trained per year;

(B) the per agent costs of basic training; and

(C) the scope and quality of basic training needed to fulfill the mission and duties of a Border Patrol agent.

#### **SEC. 124. US-VISIT SYSTEM.**

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall submit to Congress a schedule for—

(1) equipping all land border ports of entry of the United States with the U.S.-Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) system implemented under section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1365a);

(2) developing and deploying at such ports of entry the exit component of the US-VISIT system; and



(3) making interoperable all immigration screening systems operated by the Secretary.

#### SEC. 125. DOCUMENT FRAUD DETECTION.

(a) TRAINING.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with training in identifying and detecting fraudulent travel documents. Such training shall be developed in consultation with the head of the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) FORENSIC DOCUMENT LABORATORY.—The Secretary shall provide all Customs and Border Protection officers with access to the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(c) ASSESSMENT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT.—The Inspector General of the Department shall conduct an independent assessment of the accuracy and reliability of the Forensic Document Laboratory.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General shall submit to Congress the findings of the assessment required by paragraph (1).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 126. IMPROVED DOCUMENT INTEGRITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C. 1732) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in the heading, by striking “ENTRY AND EXIT DOCUMENTS” and inserting “TRAVEL AND ENTRY DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE OF STATUS”;

(3) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “Not later than October 26, 2004, the” and inserting “The”; and

(B) by striking “visas and” both places it appears and inserting “visas, evidence of status, and”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—Not later than October 26, 2007, every document, other than an interim document, issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, which may be used as evidence of an alien’s status as an immigrant, nonimmigrant, parolee, asylee, or refugee, shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, and shall incorporate a biometric identifier to allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to verify electronically the identity and status of the alien.”.

#### SEC. 127. CANCELLATION OF VISAS.

Section 222(g) (8 U.S.C. 1202(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by inserting “and any other non-immigrant visa issued by the United States that is in the possession of the alien” after “such visa”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(other than the visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality” and inserting “(other than a visa described in paragraph (1)) issued in a consular office located in the country of the alien’s nationality or foreign residence”.

#### SEC. 128. BIOMETRIC ENTRY-EXIT SYSTEM.

(a) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIENS DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES.—Section 215 (8 U.S.C. 1185) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (g);

(2) by moving subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (1), to the end; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to require aliens departing the United States to provide biometric data and other information relating to their immigration status.”.

(b) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(d) (8 U.S.C. 1225(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA.—In conducting inspections under subsection (b), immigration officers are authorized to collect biometric data from—

“(A) any applicant for admission or alien seeking to transit through the United States; or

“(B) any lawful permanent resident who is entering the United States and who is not regarded as seeking admission pursuant to section 101(a)(13)(C).”.

(c) COLLECTION OF BIOMETRIC DATA FROM ALIEN CREWMEN.—Section 252 (8 U.S.C. 1282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) An immigration officer is authorized to collect biometric data from an alien crewman seeking permission to land temporarily in the United States.”.

(d) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(7), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) WITHHOLDERS OF BIOMETRIC DATA.—Any alien who knowingly fails to comply with a lawful request for biometric data under section 215(c) or 235(d) is inadmissible.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine whether a ground for inadmissibility exists with respect to an alien described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (a)(7) and may waive the application of such subparagraph for an individual alien or a class of aliens, at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 7208 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In fully implementing the automated biometric entry and exit data system under this section, the Secretary is not required to comply with the requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Administrative Procedure Act) or any other law relating to rulemaking, information collection, or publication in the Federal Register.”; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION AT ALL LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to implement the automated biometric entry and exit data system at all land border ports of entry.”.

#### SEC. 129. BORDER STUDY.

(a) SOUTHERN BORDER STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency, shall conduct a study on the construction of a system of physical barriers along the southern international land and maritime border of the United States. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system, including the identification of areas of high priority for the construction of such a system determined after consideration of factors including the amount of narcotics trafficking and the number of illegal immigrants apprehended in such areas;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of constructing such a system;

(3) an assessment of the international, national, and regional environmental impact of such a system, including the impact on zoning, global climate change, ozone depletion, biodiversity loss, and transboundary pollution;

(4) an assessment of the necessity for ports of entry along such a system;

(5) an assessment of the impact such a system would have on international trade, commerce, and tourism;

(6) an assessment of the effect of such a system on private property rights including issues of eminent domain and riparian rights;

(7) an estimate of the costs associated with building a barrier system, including costs associated with excavation, construction, and maintenance;

(8) an assessment of the effect of such a system on Indian reservations and units of the National Park System; and

(9) an assessment of the necessity of constructing such a system after the implementation of provisions of this Act relating to guest workers, visa reform, and interior and worksite enforcement, and the likely effect of such provisions on undocumented immigration and the flow of illegal immigrants across the international border of the United States;

(10) an assessment of the impact of such a system on diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico, Central America, and South America, including the likely impact of such a system on existing and potential areas of bilateral and multilateral cooperative enforcement efforts;

(11) an assessment of the impact of such a system on the quality of life within border communities in the United States and Mexico, including its impact on noise and light pollution, housing, transportation, security, and environmental health;

(12) an assessment of the likelihood that such a system would lead to increased violations of the human rights, health, safety, or civil rights of individuals in the region near the southern international border of the United States, regardless of the immigration status of such individuals;

(13) an assessment of the effect such a system would have on violence near the southern international border of the United States; and

(14) an assessment of the effect of such a system on the vulnerability of the United States to infiltration by terrorists or other agents intending to inflict direct harm on the United States.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study described in subsection (a).

#### SEC. 130. SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the Department shall review each contract action relating to the Secure Border Initiative having a value of more than \$20,000,000, to determine whether each such action fully complies with applicable cost requirements, performance objectives, program milestones,



inclusion of small, minority, and women-owned business, and time lines. The Inspector General shall complete a review under this subsection with respect to each contract action—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of the initiation of the action; and

(2) upon the conclusion of the performance of the contract.

(b) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) ACTION.—If the Inspector General becomes aware of any improper conduct or wrongdoing in the course of conducting a contract review under subsection (a), the Inspector General shall, as expeditiously as practicable, refer information relating to such improper conduct or wrongdoing to the Secretary, or to another appropriate official of the Department, who shall determine whether to temporarily suspend the contractor from further participation in the Secure Border Initiative.

(2) REPORT.—Upon the completion of each review described in subsection (a), the Inspector General shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the findings of the review, including findings regarding—

(A) cost overruns;

(B) significant delays in contract execution;

(C) lack of rigorous departmental contract management;

(D) insufficient departmental financial oversight;

(E) bundling that limits the ability of small businesses to compete; or

(F) other high risk business practices.

(c) REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the receipt of each report required under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall submit a report, to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, that describes—

(A) the findings of the report received from the Inspector General; and

(B) the steps the Secretary has taken, or plans to take, to address the problems identified in such report.

(2) CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.—Not later than 60 days after the initiation of each contract action with a company whose headquarters is not based in the United States, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, regarding the Secure Border Initiative.

(d) REPORTS ON UNITED STATES PORTS.—Not later than 30 days after receiving information regarding a proposed purchase of a contract to manage the operations of a United States port by a foreign entity, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the proposed purchase;

(2) any security concerns related to the proposed purchase; and

(3) the manner in which such security concerns have been addressed.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Office, to enable the Office to carry out this section—

(1) for fiscal year 2007, not less than 5 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year;

(2) for fiscal year 2008, not less than 6 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year; and

(3) for fiscal year 2009, not less than 7 percent of the overall budget of the Office for such fiscal year.

#### SEC. 131. MANDATORY DETENTION FOR ALIENS APPREHENDED AT OR BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on October 1, 2007, an alien (other than a national of Mexico) who is attempting to illegally enter the United States and who is apprehended at a United States port of entry or along the international land and maritime border of the United States shall be detained until removed or a final decision granting admission has been determined, unless the alien—

(1) is permitted to withdraw an application for admission under section 235(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(a)(4)) and immediately departs from the United States pursuant to such section; or

(2) is paroled into the United States by the Secretary for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit in accordance with section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)).

(b) REQUIREMENTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2007, an alien described in subsection (a) may be released with a notice to appear only if—

(1) the Secretary determines, after conducting all appropriate background and security checks on the alien, that the alien does not pose a national security risk; and

(2) the alien provides a bond of not less than \$5,000.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) ASYLUM AND REMOVAL.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the right of an alien to apply for asylum or for relief or deferral of removal based on a fear of persecution.

(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.—The mandatory detention requirement in subsection (a) does not apply to any alien who is a native or citizen of a country in the Western Hemisphere with whose government the United States does not have full diplomatic relations.

(3) DISCRETION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary, in the Secretary's sole unreviewable discretion, to determine whether an alien described in clause (ii) of section 235(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be detained or released after a finding of a credible fear of persecution (as defined in clause (v) of such section).

#### SEC. 132. EVASION OF INSPECTION OR VIOLATION OF ARRIVAL, REPORTING, ENTRY, OR CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements**

“(a) PROHIBITION.—A person shall be punished as described in subsection (b) if such person attempts to elude or eludes customs, immigration, or agriculture inspection or fails to stop at the command of an officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States at a port of entry or customs or immigration checkpoint;

“(b) PENALTIES.—A person who commits an offense described in subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) fined under this title;

“(2)(A) imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both;

“(B) imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if in commission of this violation, attempts to inflict or inflicts bodily injury (as defined in section 1365(g) of this title); or

“(C) imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, if death results, and may be sentenced to death; or

“(3) both fined and imprisoned under this subsection.

“(c) CONSPIRACY.—If 2 or more persons conspire to commit an offense described in subsection (a), and 1 or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be punishable as a principal, except that the sentence of death may not be imposed.

“(d) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.—For the purposes of seizure and forfeiture under applicable law, in the case of use of a vehicle or other conveyance in the commission of this offense, or in the case of disregarding or disobeying the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States under section 111(b) of this title, such conduct shall constitute prima facie evidence of smuggling aliens or merchandise.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end:

“554. Evasion of inspection or during violation of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements.”

(c) FAILURE TO OBEY BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Section 111 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDERS OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Whoever willfully disregards or disobeys the lawful authority or command of any officer or employee of the United States charged with enforcing the immigration, customs, or other laws of the United States while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of official duties shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.”

#### Subtitle D—Border Tunnel Prevention Act

##### SEC. 141. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Prevention Act”.

##### SEC. 142. CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER TUNNEL OR PASSAGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 554. Border tunnels and passages**

“(a) Any person who knowingly constructs or finances the construction of a tunnel or subterranean passage that crosses the international border between the United States and another country, other than a lawfully authorized tunnel or passage known to the Secretary of Homeland Security and subject to inspection by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 20 years.

“(b) Any person who knows or recklessly disregards the construction or use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) on land that the person owns or controls shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

“(c) Any person who uses a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) to unlawfully smuggle an alien, goods (in violation of section 545), controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction (including biological weapons), or a member of a terrorist organization (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi))) shall be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment that is twice the maximum term of imprisonment that would have otherwise been applicable had the unlawful activity not made use of such a tunnel or passage.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 554. Border tunnels and passages.”



(c) **CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.**—Section 982(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “554,” before “1425.”

**SEC. 143. DIRECTIVE TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Pursuant to its authority under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, and in accordance with this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall promulgate or amend sentencing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 132.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying out this section, the United States Sentencing Commission shall—

(1) ensure that the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary reflect the serious nature of the offenses described in section 554 of title 18, United States Code, and the need for aggressive and appropriate law enforcement action to prevent such offenses;

(2) provide adequate base offense levels for offenses under such section;

(3) account for any aggravating or mitigating circumstances that might justify exceptions, including—

(A) the use of a tunnel or passage described in subsection (a) of such section to facilitate other felonies; and

(B) the circumstances for which the sentencing guidelines currently provide applicable sentencing enhancements;

(4) ensure reasonable consistency with other relevant directives, other sentencing guidelines, and statutes;

(5) make any necessary and conforming changes to the sentencing guidelines and policy statements; and

(6) ensure that the sentencing guidelines adequately meet the purposes of sentencing set forth in section 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

**Subtitle E—Border Law Enforcement Relief Act**

**SEC. 151. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Border Law Enforcement Relief Act of 2006”.

**SEC. 152. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) It is the obligation of the Federal Government of the United States to adequately secure the Nation's borders and prevent the flow of undocumented persons and illegal drugs into the United States.

(2) Despite the fact that the United States Border Patrol apprehends over 1,000,000 people each year trying to illegally enter the United States, according to the Congressional Research Service, the net growth in the number of unauthorized aliens has increased by approximately 500,000 each year. The Southwest border accounts for approximately 94 percent of all migrant apprehensions each year. Currently, there are an estimated 11,000,000 unauthorized aliens in the United States.

(3) The border region is also a major corridor for the shipment of drugs. According to the El Paso Intelligence Center, 65 percent of the narcotics that are sold in the markets of the United States enter the country through the Southwest Border.

(4) Border communities continue to incur significant costs due to the lack of adequate border security. A 2001 study by the United States-Mexico Border Counties Coalition found that law enforcement and criminal justice expenses associated with illegal immigration exceed \$89,000,000 annually for the Southwest border counties.

(5) In August 2005, the States of New Mexico and Arizona declared states of emergency in order to provide local law enforcement immediate assistance in addressing criminal activity along the Southwest border.

(6) While the Federal Government provides States and localities assistance in covering costs related to the detention of certain criminal aliens and the prosecution of Federal drug cases, local law enforcement along the border are provided no assistance in covering such expenses and must use their limited resources to combat drug trafficking, human smuggling, kidnappings, the destruction of private property, and other border-related crimes.

(7) The United States shares 5,525 miles of border with Canada and 1,989 miles with Mexico. Many of the local law enforcement agencies located along the border are small, rural departments charged with patrolling large areas of land. Counties along the Southwest United States-Mexico border are some of the poorest in the country and lack the financial resources to cover the additional costs associated with illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and other border-related crimes.

(8) Federal assistance is required to help local law enforcement operating along the border address the unique challenges that arise as a result of their proximity to an international border and the lack of overall border security in the region

**SEC. 153. BORDER RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary is authorized to award grants, subject to the availability of appropriations, to an eligible law enforcement agency to provide assistance to such agency to address—

(A) criminal activity that occurs in the jurisdiction of such agency by virtue of such agency's proximity to the United States border; and

(B) the impact of any lack of security along the United States border.

(2) **DURATION.**—Grants may be awarded under this subsection during fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

(3) **COMPETITIVE BASIS.**—The Secretary shall award grants under this subsection on a competitive basis, except that the Secretary shall give priority to applications from any eligible law enforcement agency serving a community—

(A) with a population of less than 50,000; and

(B) located no more than 100 miles from a United States border with—

(i) Canada; or

(ii) Mexico.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded pursuant to subsection (a) may only be used to provide additional resources for an eligible law enforcement agency to address criminal activity occurring along any such border, including—

(1) to obtain equipment;

(2) to hire additional personnel;

(3) to upgrade and maintain law enforcement technology;

(4) to cover operational costs, including overtime and transportation costs; and

(5) such other resources as are available to assist that agency.

(c) **APPLICATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each eligible law enforcement agency seeking a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—Each application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

(A) describe the activities for which assistance under this section is sought; and

(B) provide such additional assurances as the Secretary determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—For the purposes of this section:

(1) **ELIGIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**—The term “eligible law enforcement agency” means a tribal, State, or local law enforcement agency—

(A) located in a county no more than 100 miles from a United States border with—

(i) Canada; or

(ii) Mexico; or

(B) located in a county more than 100 miles from any such border, but where such county has been certified by the Secretary as a High Impact Area.

(2) **HIGH IMPACT AREA.**—The term “High Impact Area” means any county designated by the Secretary as such, taking into consideration—

(A) whether local law enforcement agencies in that county have the resources to protect the lives, property, safety, or welfare of the residents of that county;

(B) the relationship between any lack of security along the United States border and the rise, if any, of criminal activity in that county; and

(C) any other unique challenges that local law enforcement face due to a lack of security along the United States border.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2) **DIVISION OF AUTHORIZED FUNDS.**—Of the amounts authorized under paragraph (1)—

(A)  $\frac{2}{3}$  shall be set aside for eligible law enforcement agencies located in the 6 States with the largest number of undocumented alien apprehensions; and

(B)  $\frac{1}{3}$  shall be set aside for areas designated as a High Impact Area under subsection (d).

(f) **SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.**—Amounts appropriated for grants under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other State and local public funds obligated for the purposes provided under this title.

**SEC. 154. ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.**

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to authorize State or local law enforcement agencies or their officers to exercise Federal immigration law enforcement authority.

**TITLE II—INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT**

**SEC. 201. REMOVAL AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO TERRORIST ALIENS.**

(a) **ASYLUM.**—Section 208(b)(2)(A)(v) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “or (VI)” and inserting “(V), (VI), (VII), or (VIII)”.

(b) **CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.**—Section 240A(c)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(c)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking “inadmissible under” and inserting “described in”; and

(2) by striking “deportable under” and inserting “described in”.

(c) **VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.**—Section 240B(b)(1)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1229c(b)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “deportable under section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) or section 237(a)(4)” and inserting “described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a)”.

(d) **RESTRICTION ON REMOVAL.**—Section 241(b)(3)(B) (8 U.S.C. 1231(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iv) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”;

(3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) the alien is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) (other than an alien described in section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(IV) if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there are not reasonable grounds for regarding the alien as a danger to the security of the United States).”;



(4) in the undesignated paragraph, by striking "For purposes of clause (iv), an alien who is described in section 237(a)(4)(B) shall be considered to be an alien with respect to whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the United States."

(e) RECORD OF ADMISSION.—Section 249 (8 U.S.C. 1259) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 249. RECORD OF ADMISSION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1972.**

"A record of lawful admission for permanent residence may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, for any alien, as of the date of the approval of the alien's application or, if entry occurred before July 1, 1924, as of the date of such entry if no such record is otherwise available, if the alien establishes that the alien—

"(1) is not described in section 212(a)(3)(E) or in section 212(a) (insofar as it relates to criminals, procurers, other immoral persons, subversives, violators of the narcotics laws, or smugglers of aliens);

"(2) entered the United States before January 1, 1972;

"(3) has resided in the United States continuously since such entry;

"(4) is a person of good moral character;

"(5) is not ineligible for citizenship; and

"(6) is not described in section 237(a)(4)(B)."

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to any act or condition constituting a ground for inadmissibility, excludability, or removal occurring or existing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 241(a) (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking "Attorney General" the first place it appears and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security";

(B) by striking "Attorney General" any other place it appears and inserting "Secretary";

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

"(ii) If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of the removal of the alien, the expiration date of the stay of removal."

(ii) by amending subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

"(C) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—The removal period shall be extended beyond a period of 90 days and the alien may remain in detention during such extended period if the alien fails or refuses to—

"(i) make all reasonable efforts to comply with the removal order; or

"(ii) fully cooperate with the Secretary's efforts to establish the alien's identity and carry out the removal order, including failing to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien's departure, or conspiring or acting to prevent the alien's removal."; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) TOLLING OF PERIOD.—If, at the time described in subparagraph (B), the alien is not in the custody of the Secretary under the authority of this Act, the removal period shall not begin until the alien is taken into such custody. If the Secretary lawfully transfers custody of the alien during the re-

moval period to another Federal agency or to a State or local government agency in connection with the official duties of such agency, the removal period shall be tolled, and shall recommence on the date on which the alien is returned to the custody of the Secretary."

(D) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: "If a court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or an immigration judge orders a stay of removal of an alien who is subject to an administrative final order of removal, the Secretary, in the exercise of discretion, may detain the alien during the pendency of such stay of removal."

(E) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

"(D) to obey reasonable restrictions on the alien's conduct or activities, or to perform affirmative acts, that the Secretary prescribes for the alien—

"(i) to prevent the alien from absconding;

"(ii) for the protection of the community;

or

"(iii) for other purposes related to the enforcement of the immigration laws.";

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking "removal period and, if released," and inserting "removal period, in the discretion of the Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, until the alien is removed. If an alien is released, the alien";

(G) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (10); and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

"(7) PAROLE.—If an alien detained pursuant to paragraph (6) is an applicant for admission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary's discretion, may parole the alien under section 212(d)(5) and may provide, notwithstanding section 212(d)(5), that the alien shall not be returned to custody unless either the alien violates the conditions of the alien's parole or the alien's removal becomes reasonably foreseeable, provided that in no circumstance shall such alien be considered admitted.

"(8) ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DETENTION OR RELEASE OF ALIENS.—The following procedures shall apply to an alien detained under this section:

"(A) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an administrative review process to determine whether an alien described in subparagraph (B) should be detained or released after the removal period in accordance with this paragraph.

"(B) ALIEN DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien—

"(i) has effected an entry into the United States;

"(ii) has made all reasonable efforts to comply with the alien's removal order;

"(iii) has cooperated fully with the Secretary's efforts to establish the alien's identity and to carry out the removal order, including making timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary for the alien's departure; and

"(iv) has not conspired or acted to prevent removal.

"(C) EVIDENCE.—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary—

"(i) shall consider any evidence submitted by the alien;

"(ii) may consider any other evidence, including—

"(I) any information or assistance provided by the Department of State or other Federal agency; and

"(II) any other information available to the Secretary pertaining to the ability to remove the alien.

"(D) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR 90 DAYS BEYOND REMOVAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien for 90 days beyond the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

"(E) AUTHORITY TO DETAIN FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD.—The Secretary, in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion and without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien beyond the 90-day period authorized under subparagraph (D) until the alien is removed, if the Secretary—

"(i) determines that there is a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future; or

"(ii) certifies in writing—

"(I) in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that the alien has a highly contagious disease that poses a threat to public safety;

"(II) after receipt of a written recommendation from the Secretary of State, that the release of the alien would likely have serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;

"(III) based on information available to the Secretary (including classified, sensitive, or national security information, and regardless of the grounds upon which the alien was ordered removed), that there is reason to believe that the release of the alien would threaten the national security of the United States;

"(IV) that—

"(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, and conditions of release cannot reasonably be expected to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

"(bb) the alien—

"(AA) has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)(A)), or of 1 or more attempts or conspiracies to commit any such aggravated felonies for an aggregate term of imprisonment of at least 5 years; or

"(BB) has committed a crime of violence (as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code, but not including a purely political offense) and, because of a mental condition or personality disorder and behavior associated with that condition or disorder, is likely to engage in acts of violence in the future; or

"(V) that—

"(aa) the release of the alien would threaten the safety of the community or any person, notwithstanding conditions of release designed to ensure the safety of the community or any person; and

"(bb) the alien has been convicted of 1 or more aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43)) for which the alien was sentenced to an aggregate term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year.

"(F) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain an alien pending a determination under subparagraph (E)(ii), if the Secretary has initiated the administrative review process identified in subparagraph (A) not later than 30 days after the expiration of the removal period (including any extension of the removal period under paragraph (1)(C)).

"(G) RENEWAL AND DELEGATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

"(i) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a certification under subparagraph (E)(ii) every 6 months, without limitation, after providing the alien with an opportunity to request reconsideration of the certification and to submit documents or other evidence in support of that request. If the Secretary



does not renew such certification, the Secretary shall release the alien, pursuant to subparagraph (H).

“(ii) DELEGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not delegate the authority to make or renew a certification described in subclause (II), (III), or (V) of subparagraph (E)(ii) to any employee reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“(iii) HEARING.—The Secretary may request that the Attorney General, or a designee of the Attorney General, provide for a hearing to make the determination described in subparagraph (E)(ii)(IV)(bb)(BB).

“(H) RELEASE ON CONDITIONS.—If it is determined that an alien should be released from detention, the Secretary may, in the Secretary’s discretion, impose conditions on release in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (3).

“(I) REDETENTION.—The Secretary, without any limitations other than those specified in this section, may detain any alien subject to a final removal order who has previously been released from custody if—

“(i) the alien fails to comply with the conditions of release;

“(ii) the alien fails to continue to satisfy the conditions described in subparagraph (B); or

“(iii) upon reconsideration, the Secretary determines that the alien can be detained under subparagraph (E).

“(J) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) shall apply to any alien returned to custody under subparagraph (I) as if the removal period terminated on the day of the redetention.

“(K) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE EFFECTED AN ENTRY AND FAIL TO COOPERATE WITH REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall detain an alien until the alien makes all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order and to cooperate fully with the Secretary’s efforts, if the alien—

“(i) has effected an entry into the United States; and

“(ii) (I) and the alien faces a significant likelihood that the alien will be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future, or would have been removed if the alien had not—

“(aa) failed or refused to make all reasonable efforts to comply with a removal order;

“(bb) failed or refused to fully cooperate with the Secretary’s efforts to establish the alien’s identity and carry out the removal order, including the failure to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien’s departure; or

“(cc) conspired or acted to prevent removal; or

“(II) the Secretary makes a certification as specified in subparagraph (E), or the renewal of a certification specified in subparagraph (G).

“(L) DETENTION REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT EFFECTED AN ENTRY.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall follow the guidelines established in section 241.4 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, when detaining aliens who have not effected an entry. The Secretary may decide to apply the review process outlined in this paragraph.

“(9) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Without regard to the place of confinement, judicial review of any action or decision made pursuant to paragraph (6), (7), or (8) shall be available exclusively in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and only if the alien has exhausted all administrative remedies (statutory and nonstatutory) available to the alien as of right.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall apply to—

(i) any alien subject to a final administrative removal, deportation, or exclusion order that was issued before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(ii) any act or condition occurring or existing before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) CRIMINAL DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 3142 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(B) by inserting “(1)” before “If, after a hearing”;

(C) in subparagraphs (B) and (C), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”; and

(D) by adding after subparagraph (C), as redesignated, the following:

“(2) Subject to rebuttal by the person, it shall be presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person—

“(A) is an alien; and

“(B)(i) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

“(ii) is the subject of a final order of removal; or

“(iii) has committed a felony offense under section 911, 922(g)(5), 1015, 1028, 1425, or 1426 of this title, chapter 75 or 77 of this title, or section 243, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1324, 1325, 1326, 2327, and 1328).”; and

(2) in subsection (g)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) the person’s immigration status; and”.

#### SEC. 203. AGGRAVATED FELONY.

(a) DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONY.—Section 101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The term ‘aggravated felony’ means—” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except for the provision providing an effective date for section 203 of the Comprehensive Reform Act of 2006), the term ‘aggravated felony’ applies to an offense described in this paragraph, whether in violation of Federal or State law and to such an offense in violation of the law of a foreign country, for which the term of imprisonment was completed within the previous 15 years, even if the length of the term of imprisonment is based on recidivist or other enhancements and regardless of whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996, and means—”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor;” and inserting “murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor, whether or not the minority of the victim is established by evidence contained in the record of conviction or by evidence extrinsic to the record of conviction;”;

(3) in subparagraph (N), by striking “paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of”;

(4) in subparagraph (O), by striking “section 275(a) or 276 committed by an alien who was previously deported on the basis of a conviction for an offense described in another subparagraph of this paragraph” and inserting “section 275 or 276 for which the term of imprisonment is at least 1 year”;

(5) in subparagraph (U), by striking “an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense

described in this paragraph” and inserting “aiding or abetting an offense described in this paragraph, or soliciting, counseling, procuring, commanding, or inducing another, attempting, or conspiring to commit such an offense”; and

(6) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (U).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall—

(A) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply to any act that occurred on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICATION OF IIRAIRA AMENDMENTS.—The amendments to section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act made by section 321 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-627) shall continue to apply, whether the conviction was entered before, on, or after September 30, 1996.

#### SEC. 204. TERRORIST BARS.

(a) DEFINITION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 101(f) (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4), as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security or Attorney General based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information;”;

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking “(as defined in subsection (a)(43))” and inserting the following: “, regardless of whether the crime was defined as an aggravated felony under subsection (a)(43) at the time of the conviction, unless—

“(A) the person completed the term of imprisonment and sentence not later than 10 years before the date of application; and

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this paragraph; or”;

(3) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (9), by striking “a finding that for other reasons such person is or was not of good moral character” and inserting the following: “a discretionary finding for other reasons that such a person is or was not of good moral character. In determining an applicant’s moral character, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General may take into consideration the applicant’s conduct and acts at any time and are not limited to the period during which good moral character is required.”.

(b) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Section 204(b) (8 U.S.C. 1154(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A petition may not be approved under this section if there is any administrative or judicial proceeding (whether civil or criminal) pending against the petitioner that could directly or indirectly result in the petitioner’s denaturalization or the loss of the petitioner’s lawful permanent resident status.”.

(c) CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(2) CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS.—Section 216A(e) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(e)) is amended by inserting “if the alien has had the conditional basis removed pursuant to this section” before the period at the end.

(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS.—Section 310(c) (8 U.S.C. 1421(c)) is amended—



(1) by inserting “, not later than 120 days after the Secretary of Homeland Security’s final determination,” after “may”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “Except that in any proceeding, other than a proceeding under section 340, the court shall review for substantial evidence the administrative record and findings of the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding whether an alien is a person of good moral character, understands and is attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, or is well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. The petitioner shall have the burden of showing that the Secretary’s denial of the application was contrary to law.”

(e) **PERSONS ENDANGERING NATIONAL SECURITY.**—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) **PERSONS ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY.**—A person may not be naturalized if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines, based upon any relevant information or evidence, including classified, sensitive, or national security information, that the person was once an alien described in section 212(a)(3) or 237(a)(4).”

(f) **CONCURRENT NATURALIZATION AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.**—Section 318 (8 U.S.C. 1429) is amended by striking “the Attorney General if” and all that follows and inserting: “the Secretary of Homeland Security or any court if there is pending against the applicant any removal proceeding or other proceeding to determine the applicant’s inadmissibility or deportability, or to determine whether the applicant’s lawful permanent resident status should be rescinded, regardless of when such proceeding was commenced. The findings of the Attorney General in terminating removal proceedings or canceling the removal of an alien under this Act shall not be deemed binding in any way upon the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the question of whether such person has established eligibility for naturalization in accordance with this title.”

(g) **DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.**—Section 336(b) (8 U.S.C. 1447(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) **REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE DISTRICT COURT.**—If there is a failure to render a final administrative decision under section 335 before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security completes all examinations and interviews required under such section, the applicant may apply to the district court for the district in which the applicant resides for a hearing on the matter. The Secretary shall notify the applicant when such examinations and interviews have been completed. Such district court shall only have jurisdiction to review the basis for delay and remand the matter, with appropriate instructions, to the Secretary for the Secretary’s determination on the application.”

(h) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section—

(1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to any act that occurred on or after such date of enactment.

#### **SEC. 205. INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATED TO GANG VIOLENCE, REMOVAL, AND ALIEN SMUGGLING.**

(a) **CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.**—

(1) **INADMISSIBILITY.**—Section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (J); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) **MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.**—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the

application of this subparagraph, any alien who a consular officer, the Attorney General, or the Secretary of Homeland Security knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is inadmissible.”

(2) **DEPORTABILITY.**—Section 237(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) **MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS.**—Unless the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General waives the application of this subparagraph, any alien who the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe—

“(i) is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code); or

“(ii) has participated in the activities of a criminal street gang, knowing or having reason to know that such activities promoted, furthered, aided, or supported the illegal activity of the criminal gang, is deportable.”

(3) **TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**—Section 244 (8 U.S.C. 1254a) is amended—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subsection (b)(3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking the last sentence and inserting the following: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may, for any reason (including national security), terminate or modify any designation under this section. Such termination or modification is effective upon publication in the Federal Register, or after such time as the Secretary may designate in the Federal Register.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a period of 12 or 18 months” and inserting “any other period not to exceed 18 months”;

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “The amount of any such fee shall not exceed \$50.”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “, or” at the end;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) the alien is, or at any time after admission has been, a member of a criminal street gang (as defined in section 521(a) of title 18, United States Code).”; and

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may detain an alien provided temporary protected status under this section whenever appropriate under any other provision of law.”

(b) **PENALTIES RELATED TO REMOVAL.**—Section 243 (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “212(a) or” after “section”; and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking “or imprisoned not more than four years” and inserting “and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years”; and

(ii) by striking “, or both”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “not more than \$1000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both” and inserting “under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for not less than 6 months or more than 5 years (or for not more than 10 years if the alien is a member of any of the classes described in paragraphs (1)(E), (2), (3), and (4) of section 237(a)).”; and

(3) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) **DENYING VISAS TO NATIONALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING ALIEN.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after making a determination that the government of a foreign country has denied or unreasonably delayed accepting an alien who is a citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country after the alien has been ordered removed, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, may instruct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to any citizen, subject, national, or resident of that country until the country accepts the alien that was ordered removed.”

(c) **ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274 (8 U.S.C. 1324), is amended to read as follows:

#### **“SEC. 274. ALIEN SMUGGLING AND RELATED OFFENSES.**

“(a) **CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), a person shall be punished as provided under paragraph (2), if the person—

“(A) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, or cross the border to the United States;

“(B) facilitates, encourages, directs, or induces a person to come to or enter the United States, or to cross the border to the United States, at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien and regardless of whether such alien has official permission or lawful authority to be in the United States;

“(C) transports, moves, harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person outside of the United States knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien in unlawful transit from 1 country to another or on the high seas, under circumstances in which the alien is seeking to enter the United States without official permission or legal authority;

“(D) encourages or induces a person to reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to reside in the United States;

“(E) transports or moves a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to enter or be in the United States, if the transportation or movement will further the alien’s illegal entry into or illegal presence in the United States;

“(F) harbors, conceals, or shields from detection a person in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such person is an alien who lacks lawful authority to be in the United States; or

“(G) conspires or attempts to commit any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

“(2) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—A person who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—



“(A) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was not committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both;

“(B) except as provided in subparagraphs (C) through (G), if the offense was committed for commercial advantage, profit, or private financial gain—

“(i) if the violation is the offender’s first violation under this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(ii) if the violation is the offender’s second or subsequent violation of this subparagraph, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 3 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(C) if the offense furthered or aided the commission of any other offense against the United States or any State that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both;

“(D) shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not less than 5 years or more than 20 years, or both, if the offense created a substantial and foreseeable risk of death, a substantial and foreseeable risk of serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code), or inhumane conditions to another person, including—

“(i) transporting the person in an engine compartment, storage compartment, or other confined space;

“(ii) transporting the person at an excessive speed or in excess of the rated capacity of the means of transportation; or

“(iii) transporting the person in, harboring the person in, or otherwise subjecting the person to crowded or dangerous conditions;

“(E) if the offense caused serious bodily injury (as defined in section 2119(2) of title 18, United States Code) to any person, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned for not less than 7 years or more than 30 years, or both;

“(F) shall be fined under such title and imprisoned for not less than 10 years or more than 30 years if the offense involved an alien who the offender knew or had reason to believe was—

“(i) engaged in terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)); or

“(ii) intending to engage in terrorist activity;

“(G) if the offense caused or resulted in the death of any person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for a term of years not less than 10 years and up to life, and fined under title 18, United States Code.

“(3) LIMITATION.—It is not a violation of subparagraph (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(A) for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses, provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the denomination for at least 1 year; or

“(B) for an individual or organization, not previously convicted of a violation of this section, to provide an alien who is present in the United States with humanitarian assistance, including medical care, housing, counseling, victim services, and food, or to trans-

port the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered.

“(4) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over the offenses described in this subsection.

“(b) EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES.—Any person who, during any 12-month period, knowingly employs 10 or more individuals with actual knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the individuals are aliens described in paragraph (2), shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

“(2) DEFINITION.—An alien described in this paragraph is an alien who—

“(A) is an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3));

“(B) is present in the United States without lawful authority; and

“(C) has been brought into the United States in violation of this subsection.

“(c) SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any real or personal property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(2) APPLICABLE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 of title 18, United States Code, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(3) PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN DETERMINATIONS OF VIOLATIONS.—In determining whether a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, prima facie evidence that an alien involved in the alleged violation lacks lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States or that such alien had come to, entered, resided in, remained in, or been present in the United States in violation of law shall include—

“(A) any order, finding, or determination concerning the alien’s status or lack of status made by a Federal judge or administrative adjudicator (including an immigration judge or immigration officer) during any judicial or administrative proceeding authorized under Federal immigration law;

“(B) official records of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of State concerning the alien’s status or lack of status; and

“(C) testimony by an immigration officer having personal knowledge of the facts concerning the alien’s status or lack of status.

“(d) AUTHORITY TO ARREST.—No officer or person shall have authority to make any arrests for a violation of any provision of this section except—

“(1) officers and employees designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, either individually or as a member of a class; and

“(2) other officers responsible for the enforcement of Federal criminal laws.

“(e) ADMISSIBILITY OF VIDEOTAPED WITNESS TESTIMONY.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the videotaped or otherwise audiovisually preserved deposition of a witness to a violation of subsection (a) who has been deported or otherwise expelled from the United States, or is otherwise unavailable to testify, may be admitted into evidence in an action brought for that violation if—

“(1) the witness was available for cross examination at the deposition by the party, if

any, opposing admission of the testimony; and

“(2) the deposition otherwise complies with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(f) OUTREACH PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, shall—

“(A) develop and implement an outreach program to educate people in and out of the United States about the penalties for bringing in and harboring aliens in violation of this section; and

“(B) establish the American Local and Interior Enforcement Needs (ALIEN) Task Force to identify and respond to the use of Federal, State, and local transportation infrastructure to further the trafficking of unlawful aliens within the United States.

“(2) FIELD OFFICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, after consulting with State and local government officials, shall establish such field offices as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums are necessary for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this subsection.

“(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.—An alien is deemed to have crossed the border into the United States regardless of whether the alien is free from official restraint.

“(2) LAWFUL AUTHORITY.—The term ‘lawful authority’ means permission, authorization, or license that is expressly provided for in the immigration laws of the United States or accompanying regulations. The term does not include any such authority secured by fraud or otherwise obtained in violation of law or authority sought, but not approved. No alien shall be deemed to have lawful authority to come to, enter, reside in, remain in, or be in the United States if such coming to, entry, residence, remaining, or presence was, is, or would be in violation of law.

“(3) PROCEEDS.—The term ‘proceeds’ includes any property or interest in property obtained or retained as a consequence of an act or omission in violation of this section.

“(4) UNLAWFUL TRANSIT.—The term ‘unlawful transit’ means travel, movement, or temporary presence that violates the laws of any country in which the alien is present or any country from which the alien is traveling or moving.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 274 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 274. Alien smuggling and related offenses.”

(d) PROHIBITING CARRYING OR USING A FIREARM DURING AND IN RELATION TO AN ALIEN SMUGGLING CRIME.—Section 924(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “any crime of violence”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “such crime of violence”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by inserting “, alien smuggling crime,” after “crime of violence”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘alien smuggling crime’ means any felony punishable under section 274(a), 277, or 278 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a), 1327, and 1328).”

SEC. 206. ILLEGAL ENTRY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 275 (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended to read as follows:



**“SEC. 275. ILLEGAL ENTRY.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSES.—An alien shall be subject to the penalties set forth in paragraph (2) if the alien—

“(A) knowingly enters or crosses the border into the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

“(B) knowingly eludes examination or inspection by an immigration officer (including failing to stop at the command of such officer), or a customs or agriculture inspection at a port of entry; or

“(C) knowingly enters or crosses the border to the United States by means of a knowingly false or misleading representation or the knowing concealment of a material fact (including such representation or concealment in the context of arrival, reporting, entry, or clearance requirements of the customs law, immigration laws, agriculture laws, or shipping laws).

“(2) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien who violates any provision under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall, for the first violation, be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;

“(B) shall, for a second or subsequent violation, or following an order of voluntary departure, be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both;

“(C) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors or for a felony, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(D) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both; and

“(E) if the violation occurred after the alien had been convicted of a felony for which the alien received a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(3) PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (2) are elements of the offenses described in that paragraph and the penalties in such subparagraphs shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(A) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(B) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(4) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—An offense under this subsection continues until the alien is discovered within the United States by an immigration officer.

“(5) ATTEMPT.—Whoever attempts to commit any offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as for a completion of such offense.

“(b) IMPROPER TIME OR PLACE; CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who is apprehended while entering, attempting to enter, or knowingly crossing or attempting to cross the border to the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be subject to a civil penalty, in addition to any criminal or other civil penalties that may be imposed under any other provision of law, in an amount equal to—

“(A) not less than \$50 or more than \$250 for each such entry, crossing, attempted entry, or attempted crossing; or

“(B) twice the amount specified in paragraph (1) if the alien had previously been subject to a civil penalty under this subsection.

“(2) CROSSED THE BORDER DEFINED.—In this section, an alien is deemed to have crossed the border if the act was voluntary, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by striking the item relating to section 275 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 275. Illegal entry.”.

**SEC. 207. ILLEGAL REENTRY.**

Section 276 (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 276. REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.**

“(a) REENTRY AFTER REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed, or who has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

“(b) REENTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.—Notwithstanding the penalty provided in subsection (a), if an alien described in that subsection—

“(1) was convicted for 3 or more misdemeanors or a felony before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

“(2) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 30 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

“(3) was convicted for a felony before such removal or departure for which the alien was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 60 months, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;

“(4) was convicted for 3 felonies before such removal or departure, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both; or

“(5) was convicted, before such removal or departure, for murder, rape, kidnaping, or a felony offense described in chapter 77 (relating to peonage and slavery) or 113B (relating to terrorism) of such title, the alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

“(c) REENTRY AFTER REPEATED REMOVAL.—Any alien who has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

“(d) PROOF OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.—The prior convictions described in subsection (b) are elements of the crimes described in that subsection, and the penalties in that subsection shall apply only in cases in which the conviction or convictions that form the basis for the additional penalty are—

“(1) alleged in the indictment or information; and

“(2) proven beyond a reasonable doubt at trial or admitted by the defendant.

“(e) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that—

“(1) prior to the alleged violation, the alien had sought and received the express consent of the Secretary of Homeland Security to re-apply for admission into the United States; or

“(2) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, the alien—

“(A) was not required to obtain such advance consent under the Immigration and Nationality Act or any prior Act; and

“(B) had complied with all other laws and regulations governing the alien's admission into the United States.

“(f) LIMITATION ON COLLATERAL ATTACK ON UNDERLYING REMOVAL ORDER.—In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of any prior removal order concerning the alien unless the alien demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that—

“(1) the alien exhausted all administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;

“(2) the removal proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and

“(3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

“(g) REENTRY OF ALIEN REMOVED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.—Any alien removed pursuant to section 241(a)(4) who enters, attempts to enter, crosses the border to, attempts to cross the border to, or is at any time found in, the United States shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release unless the alien affirmatively demonstrates that the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to the alien's reentry. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of removed aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

“(h) LIMITATION.—It is not aiding and abetting a violation of this section for an individual to provide an alien with emergency humanitarian assistance, including emergency medical care and food, or to transport the alien to a location where such assistance can be rendered without compensation or the expectation of compensation.

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CROSSES THE BORDER.—The term ‘crosses the border’ applies if an alien acts voluntarily, regardless of whether the alien was under observation at the time of the crossing.

“(2) FELONY.—Term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(3) MISDEMEANOR.—The term ‘misdemeanor’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year under the applicable laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) REMOVAL.—The term ‘removal’ includes any denial of admission, exclusion, deportation, or removal, or any agreement by which an alien stipulates or agrees to exclusion, deportation, or removal.

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.”.

**SEC. 208. REFORM OF PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.**

(a) PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 75—PASSPORT, VISA, AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD**

“Sec.

“1541. Trafficking in passports.

“1542. False statement in an application for a passport.

“1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport.



- "1544. Misuse of a passport.
- "1545. Schemes to defraud aliens.
- "1546. Immigration and visa fraud.
- "1547. Marriage fraud.
- "1548. Attempts and conspiracies.
- "1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses.
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- "1552. Additional venue.
- "1553. Definitions.
- "1554. Authorized law enforcement activities.
- "1555. Exception for refugees and asylees.

#### "§ 1541. Trafficking in passports

"(a) MULTIPLE PASSPORTS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

"(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more passports;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more passports;

"(3) secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more passports, knowing the passports to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more applications for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), knowing the applications to contain any false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(b) PASSPORT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material used to make a passport shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### "§ 1542. False statement in an application for a passport

"Any person who knowingly—

"(1) makes any false statement or representation in an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation);

"(2) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits an application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation) knowing the application to contain any false statement or representation; or

"(3) causes or attempts to cause the production of a passport by means of any fraud or false application for a United States passport (including any supporting documentation), if such production occurs or would occur at a facility authorized by the Secretary of State for the production of passports,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1543. Forgery and unlawful production of a passport

"(a) FORGERY.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any passport; or

"(2) knowingly transfers any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, or to have been produced or issued without lawful authority, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) UNLAWFUL PRODUCTION.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority—

"(1) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a passport in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance of the passport;

"(2) produces, issues, authorizes, or verifies a United States passport for or to any person not owing allegiance to the United States; or

"(3) transfers or furnishes a passport to a person for use when such person is not the person for whom the passport was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1544. Misuse of a passport

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly uses any passport issued or designed for the use of another;

"(2) knowingly uses any passport in violation of the conditions or restrictions therein contained, or in violation of the laws, regulations, or rules governing the issuance and use of the passport;

"(3) knowingly secures, possesses, uses, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any passport knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) knowingly violates the terms and conditions of any safe conduct duly obtained and issued under the authority of the United States,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) ENTRY; FRAUD.—Any person who knowingly uses any passport, knowing the passport to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, procured by fraud, produced or issued without lawful authority, or issued or designed for the use of another—

"(1) to enter or to attempt to enter the United States; or

"(2) to defraud the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1545. Schemes to defraud aliens

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly executes a scheme or artifice, in connection with any matter that is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws, or any matter the offender claims or represents is authorized by or arises under Federal immigration laws—

"(1) to defraud any person, or

"(2) to obtain or receive from any person, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, money or anything else of value,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who knowingly and falsely represents himself to be an attorney in any matter arising under Federal immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

#### "§ 1546. Immigration and visa fraud

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who knowingly—

"(1) uses any immigration document issued or designed for the use of another;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any immigration document;

"(3) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits any immigration document knowing it to contain any materially false statement or representation;

"(4) secures, possesses, uses, transfers, receives, buys, sells, or distributes any immigration document knowing it to be forged, counterfeited, altered, falsely made, stolen, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority;

"(5) adopts or uses a false or fictitious name to evade or to attempt to evade the immigration laws; or

"(6) transfers or furnishes an immigration document to a person without lawful authority for use if such person is not the person for whom the immigration document was issued or designed,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.—Any person who, during any 3-year period, knowingly—

"(1) and without lawful authority produces, issues, or transfers 10 or more immigration documents;

"(2) forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes 10 or more immigration documents;

"(3) secures, possesses, uses, buys, sells, or distributes 10 or more immigration documents, knowing the immigration documents to be forged, counterfeited, altered, stolen, falsely made, procured by fraud, or produced or issued without lawful authority; or

"(4) completes, mails, prepares, presents, signs, or submits 10 or more immigration documents knowing the documents to contain any materially false statement or representation,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(c) IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT MATERIALS.—Any person who knowingly and without lawful authority produces, counterfeits, secures, possesses, or uses any official paper, seal, hologram, image, text, symbol, stamp, engraving, plate, or other material, used to make an immigration document shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### "§ 1547. Marriage fraud

"(a) EVASION OR MISREPRESENTATION.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly enters into a marriage for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws; or

"(2) knowingly misrepresents the existence or circumstances of a marriage—

"(A) in an application or document authorized by the immigration laws; or

"(B) during any immigration proceeding conducted by an administrative adjudicator (including an immigration officer or examiner, a consular officer, an immigration judge, or a member of the Board of Immigration Appeals),

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

"(b) MULTIPLE MARRIAGES.—Any person who—

"(1) knowingly enters into 2 or more marriages for the purpose of evading any immigration law; or

"(2) knowingly arranges, supports, or facilitates 2 or more marriages designed or intended to evade any immigration law,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

"(c) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—Any person who knowingly establishes a commercial enterprise for the purpose of evading any provision of the immigration laws shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

"(d) DURATION OF OFFENSE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An offense under subsection (a) or (b) continues until the fraudulent nature of the marriage or marriages is discovered by an immigration officer.

"(2) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.—An offense under subsection (c) continues until the fraudulent nature of commercial enterprise is discovered by an immigration officer or other law enforcement officer.

#### "§ 1548. Attempts and conspiracies

"Any person who attempts or conspires to violate any section of this chapter shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completed a violation of that section.

#### "§ 1549. Alternative penalties for certain offenses

"(a) TERRORISM.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

"(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate an act of international terrorism or



domestic terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 2331); or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate an act of international terrorism or domestic terrorism,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 25 years, or both.

“(b) OFFENSE AGAINST GOVERNMENT.—Any person who violates any section of this chapter—

“(1) knowing that such violation will facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year; or

“(2) with the intent to facilitate the commission of any offense against the United States (other than an offense in this chapter) or against any State, which offense is punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

#### “§ 1550. Seizure and forfeiture

“(a) FORFEITURE.—Any property, real or personal, used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of any section of this chapter, the gross proceeds of such violation, and any property traceable to such property or proceeds, shall be subject to forfeiture.

“(b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Seizures and forfeitures under this section shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney General.

#### “§ 1551. Additional jurisdiction

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter.

“(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Any person who commits an offense under this chapter outside the United States shall be punished as provided under this chapter if—

“(1) the offense involves a United States immigration document (or any document purporting to be such a document) or any matter, right, or benefit arising under or authorized by Federal immigration laws;

“(2) the offense is in or affects foreign commerce;

“(3) the offense affects, jeopardizes, or poses a significant risk to the lawful administration of Federal immigration laws, or the national security of the United States;

“(4) the offense is committed to facilitate an act of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331) or a drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 929(a)(2)) that affects or would affect the national security of the United States;

“(5) the offender is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))) or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(20) of such Act); or

“(6) the offender is a stateless person whose habitual residence is in the United States.

#### “§ 1552. Additional venue

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offense under section 1542 may be prosecuted in—

“(1) any district in which the false statement or representation was made;

“(2) any district in which the passport application was prepared, submitted, mailed, received, processed, or adjudicated; or

“(3) in the case of an application prepared and adjudicated outside the United States, in the district in which the resultant passport was produced.

“(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section limits the venue otherwise available under sections 3237 and 3238.

#### “§ 1553. Definitions

“As used in this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘falsely make’ means to prepare or complete an immigration document with knowledge or in reckless disregard of the fact that the document—

“(A) contains a statement or representation that is false, fictitious, or fraudulent;

“(B) has no basis in fact or law; or

“(C) otherwise fails to state a fact which is material to the purpose for which the document was created, designed, or submitted.

“(2) The term a ‘false statement or representation’ includes a personation or an omission.

“(3) The term ‘felony’ means any criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year under the laws of the United States, any State, or a foreign government.

“(4) The term ‘immigration document’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any passport or visa; or

“(ii) any application, petition, affidavit, declaration, attestation, form, identification card, alien registration document, employment authorization document, border crossing card, certificate, permit, order, license, stamp, authorization, grant of authority, or other evidentiary document, arising under or authorized by the immigration laws of the United States; and

“(B) includes any document, photograph, or other piece of evidence attached to or submitted in support of an immigration document.

“(5) The term ‘immigration laws’ includes—

“(A) the laws described in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

“(B) the laws relating to the issuance and use of passports; and

“(C) the regulations prescribed under the authority of any law described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) The term ‘immigration proceeding’ includes an adjudication, interview, hearing, or review.

“(7) A person does not exercise ‘lawful authority’ if the person abuses or improperly exercises lawful authority the person otherwise holds.

“(8) The term ‘passport’ means a travel document attesting to the identity and nationality of the bearer that is issued under the authority of the Secretary of State, a foreign government, or an international organization; or any instrument purporting to be the same.

“(9) The term ‘produce’ means to make, prepare, assemble, issue, print, authenticate, or alter.

“(10) The term ‘State’ means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### “§ 1554. Authorized law enforcement activities

“Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or an intelligence agency of the United States, or any activity authorized under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 933).

#### “§ 1555. Exception for refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable persons

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a person believed to have violated section 1542, 1544, 1546, or 1548 while attempting to enter the United States, without delay, indicates an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158 and 1231), or for relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (in accordance with section 208.17 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations), or under section 101(a)(15)(T), 101(a)(15)(U), 101(a)(27)(J), 101(a)(51), 216(c)(4)(C), 240A(b)(2), or 244(a)(3) (as in effect prior to March 31, 1997) of such Act, or a credible fear of persecution or torture—

“(1) the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal immigration official to review such claim and make a determination if such claim is warranted;

“(2) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person qualifies for the claimed relief, the person shall not be considered to have violated any such section; and

“(3) if the Federal immigration official determines that the person does not qualify for the claimed relief, the person shall be referred to an appropriate Federal official for prosecution under this chapter.

“(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, increase, or alter the obligations of refugees or the United States under article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters in title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 75 and inserting the following:

#### “75. Passport, visa, and immigration fraud ..... 1541”.

(b) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—Section 208 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall develop binding prosecution guidelines for federal prosecutors to ensure that any prosecution of an alien seeking entry into the United States by fraud is consistent with the written terms and limitations of Article 31(1) of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 UST 6223)).”

#### SEC. 209. INADMISSIBILITY AND REMOVAL FOR PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION FRAUD OFFENSES.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “, or” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by inserting after subclause (II) the following:

“(III) a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 237(a)(3)(B)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) of a violation of any provision of chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to proceedings pending on or after the date



of the enactment of this Act, with respect to conduct occurring on or after that date.

#### SEC. 210. INCARCERATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.

##### (a) INSTITUTIONAL REMOVAL PROGRAM.—

(1) CONTINUATION.—The Secretary shall continue to operate the Institutional Removal Program (referred to in this section as the “Program”) or shall develop and implement another program to—

(A) identify removable criminal aliens in Federal and State correctional facilities;

(B) ensure that such aliens are not released into the community; and

(C) remove such aliens from the United States after the completion of their sentences.

(2) EXPANSION.—The Secretary may extend the scope of the Program to all States.

(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR DETENTION AFTER COMPLETION OF STATE OR LOCAL PRISON SENTENCE.—Law enforcement officers of a State or political subdivision of a State may—

(1) hold an illegal alien for a period not to exceed 14 days after the completion of the alien's State prison sentence to effectuate the transfer of the alien to Federal custody if the alien is removable or not lawfully present in the United States; or

(2) issue a detainer that would allow aliens who have served a State prison sentence to be detained by the State prison until authorized employees of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement can take the alien into custody.

(c) TECHNOLOGY USAGE.—Technology, such as videoconferencing, shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make the Program available in remote locations. Mobile access to Federal databases of aliens, such as IDENT, and live scan technology shall be used to the maximum extent practicable to make these resources available to State and local law enforcement agencies in remote locations.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the participation of States in the Program and in any other program authorized under subsection (a).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out the Program.

#### SEC. 211. ENCOURAGING ALIENS TO DEPART VOLUNTARILY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 240B (8 U.S.C. 1229c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien's own expense under this subsection instead of being subject to proceedings under section 240.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (3);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(D) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—If an alien is not described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) or (4) of section 237(a), the Attorney General may permit the alien to voluntarily depart the United States at the alien's own expense under this subsection after the initiation of removal proceedings under section 240 and before the conclusion of such proceedings before an immigration judge.”;

(E) in paragraph (3), as redesignated—

(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) INSTEAD OF REMOVAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 120 days. The Secretary may require an alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (1) to post a voluntary departure bond, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as paragraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—Permission to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall not be valid for any period in excess of 60 days, and may be granted only after a finding that the alien has the means to depart the United States and intends to do so. An alien permitted to voluntarily depart under paragraph (2) shall post a voluntary departure bond, in an amount necessary to ensure that the alien will depart, to be surrendered upon proof that the alien has departed the United States within the time specified. An immigration judge may waive the requirement to post a voluntary departure bond in individual cases upon a finding that the alien has presented compelling evidence that the posting of a bond will pose a serious financial hardship and the alien has presented credible evidence that such a bond is unnecessary to guarantee timely departure.”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)(ii)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E)(ii)”;

(v) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(vi) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated, by striking “subparagraph (B)” each place that term appears and inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

(F) in paragraph (4), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “a period exceeding 60 days” and inserting “any period in excess of 45 days”;

(3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) CONDITIONS ON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AGREEMENT.—Voluntary departure may only be granted as part of an affirmative agreement by the alien. A voluntary departure agreement under subsection (b) shall include a waiver of the right to any further motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review relating to removal or relief or protection from removal.

“(2) CONCESSIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—In connection with the alien's agreement to depart voluntarily under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may agree to a reduction in the period of inadmissibility under subparagraph (A) or (B)(i) of section 212(a)(9).

“(3) ADVISALS.—Agreements relating to voluntary departure granted during removal proceedings under section 240, or at the conclusion of such proceedings, shall be presented on the record before the immigration judge. The immigration judge shall advise the alien of the consequences of a voluntary departure agreement before accepting such agreement.

“(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If an alien agrees to voluntary departure under this section and fails

to depart the United States within the time allowed for voluntary departure or fails to comply with any other terms of the agreement (including failure to timely post any required bond), the alien is—

“(i) ineligible for the benefits of the agreement;

“(ii) subject to the penalties described in subsection (d); and

“(iii) subject to an alternate order of removal if voluntary departure was granted under subsection (a)(2) or (b).

“(B) EFFECT OF FILING TIMELY APPEAL.—If, after agreeing to voluntary departure, the alien files a timely appeal of the immigration judge's decision granting voluntary departure, the alien may pursue the appeal instead of the voluntary departure agreement. Such appeal operates to void the alien's voluntary departure agreement and the consequences of such agreement, but precludes the alien from another grant of voluntary departure while the alien remains in the United States.

“(5) VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD NOT AFFECTED.—Except as expressly agreed to by the Secretary in writing in the exercise of the Secretary's discretion before the expiration of the period allowed for voluntary departure, no motion, appeal, application, petition, or petition for review shall affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the alien's obligation to depart from the United States during the period agreed to by the alien and the Secretary.”;

(4) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an alien is permitted to voluntarily depart under this section and fails to voluntarily depart from the United States within the time period specified or otherwise violates the terms of a voluntary departure agreement, the alien will be subject to the following penalties:

“(1) CIVIL PENALTY.—The alien shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$3,000. The order allowing voluntary departure shall specify the amount of the penalty, which shall be acknowledged by the alien on the record. If the Secretary thereafter establishes that the alien failed to depart voluntarily within the time allowed, no further procedure will be necessary to establish the amount of the penalty, and the Secretary may collect the civil penalty at any time thereafter and by whatever means provided by law. An alien will be ineligible for any benefits under this chapter until this civil penalty is paid.

“(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—The alien shall be ineligible during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien's departure for any further relief under this section and sections 240A, 245, 248, and 249. The order permitting the alien to depart voluntarily shall inform the alien of the penalties under this subsection.

“(3) REOPENING.—The alien shall be ineligible to reopen the final order of removal that took effect upon the alien's failure to depart, or upon the alien's other violations of the conditions for voluntary departure, during the period described in paragraph (2). This paragraph does not preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the order granting voluntary departure in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”; and



(5) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) ELIGIBILITY.—

“(1) PRIOR GRANT OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE.—An alien shall not be permitted to voluntarily depart under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General previously permitted the alien to depart voluntarily.

“(2) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsection (a)(1) for any class of aliens. The Secretary or Attorney General may by regulation limit eligibility or impose additional conditions for voluntary departure under subsections (a)(2) or (b) of this section for any class or classes of aliens.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding section 242(a)(2)(D) of this Act, sections 1361, 1651, and 2241 of title 28, United States Code, any other habeas corpus provision, and any other provision of law (statutory or nonstatutory), no court shall have jurisdiction to affect, reinstate, enjoin, delay, stay, or toll the period allowed for voluntary departure under this section.”.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the imposition and collection of penalties for failure to depart under section 240B(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c(d)).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to all orders granting voluntary departure under section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) made on or after the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(6) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to any petition for review which is filed on or after such date.

#### **SEC. 212. DETERRING ALIENS ORDERED REMOVED FROM REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES UNLAWFULLY.**

(a) INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—Section 212(a)(9)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “seeks admission within 5 years of the date of such removal (or within 20 years)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 5 years after the date of the alien’s removal (or not later than 20 years after the alien’s removal”); and

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien’s departure or removal (or within 20 years of)” and inserting “seeks admission not later than 10 years after the date of the alien’s departure or removal (or not later than 20 years after”.

(b) BAR ON DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.—Section 274D (9 U.S.C. 324d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Commissioner” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) INELIGIBILITY FOR RELIEF.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless a timely motion to reopen is granted under section 240(c)(6), an alien described in subsection (a) shall be ineligible for any discretionary relief from removal (including cancellation of removal and adjustment of status) during the time the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien’s departure from the United States.

“(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude a motion to reopen to seek withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) or protection against torture, if the motion—

“(A) presents material evidence of changed country conditions arising after the date of the final order of removal in the country to which the alien would be removed; and

“(B) makes a sufficient showing to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the alien is otherwise eligible for such protection.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to aliens who are subject to a final order of removal entered on or after such date.

#### **SEC. 213. PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO, OR THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CERTAIN ALIENS.**

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”; and

(2) in subsection (g)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(y)(2)” and all that follows and inserting “(y), is in a nonimmigrant classification; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has been paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5));”;.

(3) in subsection (y)—

(A) in the header, by striking “ADMITTED UNDER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS” and inserting “IN A NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) the term ‘nonimmigrant classification’ includes all classes of nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)), or otherwise described in the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of such Act).”;.

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “has been lawfully admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa” and inserting “is in a nonimmigrant classification”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “Any individual who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)” and inserting “Any alien in a nonimmigrant classification may receive a waiver from the requirements of subsection (g)(5)(B).”.

#### **SEC. 214. UNIFORM STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PEONAGE OFFENSES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3291 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

##### **“§ 3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses**

“No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for a violation of any section of chapters 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship offenses), 75 (relating to passport, visa, and immigration offenses), or 77 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, for a violation of any criminal provision under section 243, 266, 274, 275, 276, 277, or 278 of the Immigration

and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253, 1306, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, and 1328), or for an attempt or conspiracy to violate any such section, unless the indictment is returned or the information filed not later than 10 years after the commission of the offense.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 213 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3291 and inserting the following:

“3291. Immigration, naturalization, and peonage offenses.”.

#### **SEC. 215. DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.**

Section 2709(a)(1) of title 22, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) conduct investigations concerning—

“(A) illegal passport or visa issuance or use;

“(B) identity theft or document fraud affecting or relating to the programs, functions, and authorities of the Department of State;

“(C) violations of chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code; and

“(D) Federal offenses committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7(9) of title 18, United States Code);”.

#### **SEC. 216. FIELD AGENT ALLOCATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) MINIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS IN STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate to each State—

“(A) not fewer than 40 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to—

“(i) investigate immigration violations; and

“(ii) ensure the departure of all removable aliens; and

“(B) not fewer than 15 full-time active duty agents of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to carry out immigration and naturalization adjudication functions.

“(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the application of paragraph (1) for any State with a population of less than 2,000,000, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriate background and security checks, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall be completed and assessed and any suspected or alleged fraud relating to the granting of any status (including the granting of adjustment of status), relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under this Act shall be investigated and resolved before the Secretary or the Attorney General may—

“(1) grant or order the grant of adjustment of status of an alien to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(2) grant or order the grant of any other status, relief, protection from removal, or other benefit under the immigration laws; or

“(3) issue any documentation evidencing or related to such grant by the Secretary, the Attorney General, or any court.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 217. CONSTRUCTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title III (8 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:



**“SEC. 362. CONSTRUCTION.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, or any other authorized head of any Federal agency to grant any application, approve any petition, or grant or continue any status or benefit under the immigration laws by, to, or on behalf of—

“(1) any alien described in subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), (B), or (F) of section 212(a)(3) or subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(iii), or (B) of section 237(a)(4);

“(2) any alien with respect to whom a criminal or other investigation or case is pending that is material to the alien’s inadmissibility, deportability, or eligibility for the status or benefit sought; or

“(3) any alien for whom all law enforcement checks, as deemed appropriate by such authorized official, have not been conducted and resolved.

“(b) DENIAL; WITHHOLDING.—An official described in subsection (a) may deny or withhold (with respect to an alien described in subsection (a)(1)) or withhold pending resolution of the investigation, case, or law enforcement checks (with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a)) any such application, petition, status, or benefit on such basis.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 361 the following:

“Sec. 362. Construction.”.

**SEC. 218. STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—The Secretary shall reimburse States and units of local government for costs associated with processing undocumented criminal aliens through the criminal justice system, including—

- (1) indigent defense;
- (2) criminal prosecution;
- (3) autopsies;
- (4) translators and interpreters; and
- (5) courts costs.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) PROCESSING CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out subsection (a).

(2) COMPENSATION UPON REQUEST.—Section 241(i)(5) (8 U.S.C. 1231(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry this subsection—

“(A) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007;

“(B) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

“(C) \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

“(D) \$950,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2012.”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 501 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

**SEC. 219. TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS APPREHENDED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide sufficient transportation and officers to take illegal aliens apprehended by State and local law enforcement officers into custody for processing at a detention facility operated by the Department.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 220. REDUCING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ALIEN SMUGGLING ON TRIBAL LANDS.**

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may award grants to Indian tribes with lands adjacent to an international border of the United States that have been adversely affected by illegal immigration.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used for—

- (1) law enforcement activities;
- (2) health care services;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) the preservation of cultural resources.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that—

(1) describes the level of access of Border Patrol agents on tribal lands;

(2) describes the extent to which enforcement of immigration laws may be improved by enhanced access to tribal lands;

(3) contains a strategy for improving such access through cooperation with tribal authorities; and

(4) identifies grants provided by the Department for Indian tribes, either directly or through State or local grants, relating to border security expenses.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 to carry out this section.

**SEC. 221. ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.**

The Secretary shall conduct a study of—

(1) the effectiveness of alternatives to detention, including electronic monitoring devices and intensive supervision programs, in ensuring alien appearance at court and compliance with removal orders;

(2) the effectiveness of the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program and the costs and benefits of expanding that program to all States; and

(3) other alternatives to detention, including—

- (A) release on an order of recognizance;
- (B) appearance bonds; and
- (C) electronic monitoring devices.

**SEC. 222. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

Section 101(a)(43)(P) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(P)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) which either is falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering a passport or instrument in violation of section 1543 of title 18, United States Code, or is described in section 1546(a) of such title (relating to document fraud) and (ii)” and inserting “which is described in chapter 75 of title 18, United States Code, and”; and

(2) by inserting the following: “that is not described in section 1548 of such title (relating to increased penalties), and” after “first offense”.

**SEC. 223. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) CLARIFYING ADDRESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 265 (8 U.S.C. 1305) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “notify the Attorney General in writing” and inserting “submit written or electronic notification to the Secretary of Homeland Security, in a manner approved by the Secretary,”;

(B) by striking “the Attorney General may require by regulation” and inserting “the Secretary may require”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “If the alien is involved in proceedings before an immigration judge or in an administrative appeal of such proceedings, the alien shall submit to the Attorney General the alien’s

current address and a telephone number, if any, at which the alien may be contacted.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Attorney General” each place such term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “given to such parent” and inserting “given by such parent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary under paragraph (2), an address provided by an alien under this section shall be the alien’s current residential mailing address, and shall not be a post office box or other non-residential mailing address or the address of an attorney, representative, labor organization, or employer.

“(2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may provide specific requirements with respect to—

“(A) designated classes of aliens and special circumstances, including aliens who are employed at a remote location; and

“(B) the reporting of address information by aliens who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local correctional facility.

“(3) DETENTION.—An alien who is being detained by the Secretary under this Act is not required to report the alien’s current address under this section during the time the alien remains in detention, but shall be required to notify the Secretary of the alien’s address under this section at the time of the alien’s release from detention.

“(e) USE OF MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE ALIEN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the appropriate coordination and cross referencing of address information provided by an alien under this section with other information relating to the alien’s address under other Federal programs, including—

“(A) any information pertaining to the alien, which is submitted in any application, petition, or motion filed under this Act with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Labor;

“(B) any information available to the Attorney General with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal or judicial review of such proceeding;

“(C) any information collected with respect to nonimmigrant foreign students or exchange program participants under section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1372); and

“(D) any information collected from State or local correctional agencies pursuant to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

“(2) RELIANCE.—The Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under this section or section 264 to send to the alien any notice, form, document, or other matter pertaining to Federal immigration laws, including service of a notice to appear. The Attorney General and the Secretary may rely on the most recent address provided by the alien under section 239(a)(1)(F) to contact the alien about pending removal proceedings.

“(3) OBLIGATION.—The alien’s provision of an address for any other purpose under the Federal immigration laws does not excuse the alien’s obligation to submit timely notice of the alien’s address to the Secretary under this section (or to the Attorney General under section 239(a)(1)(F) with respect to an alien in a proceeding before an immigration judge or an administrative appeal of such proceeding).”.



(b) CONFORMING CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.—Chapter 7 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 262(c), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in section 263(a), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(3) in section 264—

(A) in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General is authorized” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security and Attorney General are authorized”;

(ii) by striking “Attorney General or the Service” and inserting “Secretary or the Attorney General”.

(c) PENALTIES.—Section 266 (8 U.S.C. 1306) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ALIEN’S CURRENT ADDRESS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Any alien or any parent or legal guardian in the United States of any minor alien who fails to notify the Secretary of Homeland Security of the alien’s current address in accordance with section 265 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION STATUS.—Any alien who violates section 265 (regardless of whether the alien is punished under paragraph (1)) and does not establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful shall be taken into custody in connection with removal of the alien. If the alien has not been inspected or admitted, or if the alien has failed on more than 1 occasion to submit notice of the alien’s current address as required under section 265, the alien may be presumed to be a flight risk. The Secretary or the Attorney General, in considering any form of relief from removal which may be granted in the discretion of the Secretary or the Attorney General, may take into consideration the alien’s failure to comply with section 265 as a separate negative factor. If the alien failed to comply with the requirements of section 265 after becoming subject to a final order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, the alien’s failure shall be considered as a strongly negative factor with respect to any discretionary motion for reopening or reconsideration filed by the alien.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or a notice of current address” before “containing statements”;

(3) in subsections (c) and (d), by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to proceedings initiated on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B), (2) and (3) of subsection (a) are effective as if enacted on March 1, 2003.

#### SEC. 224. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 287(g) (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following: “If such training is provided by a State or political subdivision of a State to an officer or employee of such State or po-

litical subdivision of a State, the cost of such training (including applicable overtime costs) shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following: “The cost of any equipment required to be purchased under such written agreement and necessary to perform the functions under this subsection shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section.

#### SEC. 225. REMOVAL OF DRUNK DRIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(43)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)(F)) is amended by inserting “, including a third drunk driving conviction, regardless of the States in which the convictions occurred or whether the offenses are classified as misdemeanors or felonies under State law,” after “offense”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall—

(1) take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) apply to convictions entered before, on, or after such date.

#### SEC. 226. MEDICAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

Section 220(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking “and before June 1, 2006.”.

#### SEC. 227. EXPEDITED REMOVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting “EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “EXPEDITED REMOVAL FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—”;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection heading and inserting: “REMOVAL OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—”;

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in the case of an alien described in paragraph (2), determine the deportability of such alien and issue an order of removal pursuant to the procedures set forth in this subsection or section 240.

“(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in this paragraph if the alien—

“(A) has not been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(B) was convicted of any criminal offense described in subparagraph (A)(iii), (C), or (D) of section 237(a)(2).”;

(5) in the subsection (c) that relates to presumption of deportability, by striking “convicted of an aggravated felony” and inserting “described in subsection (b)(2)”;

(6) by redesignating the subsection (c) that relates to judicial removal as subsection (d); and

(7) in subsection (d)(5) (as so redesignated), by striking “, who is deportable under this Act.”.

(b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ALIENS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii) (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security” each place it appears; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subclauses (I) and (II), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph to any alien (other than an alien described in subparagraph (F)) who

is not a national of a country contiguous to the United States, who has not been admitted or paroled into the United States, and who is apprehended within 100 miles of an international land border of the United States and within 14 days of entry.”.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 235(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry” and inserting “and—”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) who arrives by aircraft at a port of entry; or

“(ii) who is present in the United States and arrived in any manner at or between a port of entry.”.

(c) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)(2)) is amended by inserting “or stay, whether temporarily or otherwise,” after “enjoin”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to all aliens apprehended or convicted on or after such date.

#### SEC. 228. PROTECTING IMMIGRANTS FROM CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

(a) IMMIGRANTS.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “Any” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (vii), any”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

“(vii) Clause (i) shall not apply to a citizen of the United States who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the citizen poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in clause (i) is filed.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) by striking “Any alien” and inserting the following: “(I) Except as provided in subclause (II), any alien”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Subclause (I) shall not apply in the case of an alien admitted for permanent residence who has been convicted of an offense described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section 101(a)(43), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion, determines that the alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence poses no risk to the alien with respect to whom a petition described in subclause (I) is filed.”.

(b) NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 101(a)(15)(K) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)), is amended by inserting “(other than a citizen described in section 204(a)(1)(A)(vii))” after “citizen of the United States” each place that phrase appears.

#### SEC. 229. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 240C the following new section:

#### “SEC. 240D. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF STATES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF ALIENS TO FEDERAL CUSTODY.

“(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, law enforcement personnel of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, have the inherent authority of a sovereign entity to investigate, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to Federal custody (including the transportation across State lines to detention centers) an alien for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the criminal provisions of the immigration



laws of the United States in the normal course of carrying out the law enforcement duties of such personnel. This State authority has never been displaced or preempted by a Federal law.

“(b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require law enforcement personnel of a State or a political subdivision to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

“(c) TRANSFER.—If the head of a law enforcement entity of a State (or, if appropriate, a political subdivision of the State) exercising authority with respect to the apprehension or arrest of an alien submits a request to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien be taken into Federal custody, the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(1) shall—

“(A) deem the request to include the inquiry to verify immigration status described in section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c)), and expeditiously inform the requesting entity whether such individual is an alien lawfully admitted to the United States or is otherwise lawfully present in the United States; and

“(B) if the individual is an alien who is not lawfully admitted to the United States or otherwise is not lawfully present in the United States—

“(i) take the illegal alien into the custody of the Federal Government not later than 72 hours after—

“(I) the conclusion of the State charging process or dismissal process; or

“(II) the illegal alien is apprehended, if no State charging or dismissal process is required; or

“(ii) request that the relevant State or local law enforcement agency temporarily detain or transport the alien to a location for transfer to Federal custody; and

“(2) shall designate at least 1 Federal, State, or local prison or jail or a private contracted prison or detention facility within each State as the central facility for that State to transfer custody of aliens to the Department of Homeland Security.

“(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall reimburse a State, or a political subdivision of a State, for expenses, as verified by the Secretary, incurred by the State or political subdivision in the detention and transportation of an alien as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

“(2) COST COMPUTATION.—Compensation provided for costs incurred under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) shall be—

“(A) the product of—

“(i) the average daily cost of incarceration of a prisoner in the relevant State, as determined by the chief executive officer of a State (or, as appropriate, a political subdivision of the State); multiplied by

“(ii) the number of days that the alien was in the custody of the State or political subdivision; plus

“(B) the cost of transporting the alien from the point of apprehension or arrest to the location of detention, and if the location of detention and of custody transfer are different, to the custody transfer point; plus

“(C) the cost of uncompensated emergency medical care provided to a detained alien during the period between the time of transmittal of the request described in subsection (c) and the time of transfer into Federal custody.

“(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that—

“(1) aliens incarcerated in a Federal facility pursuant to this section are held in fa-

cilities which provide an appropriate level of security; and

“(2) if practicable, aliens detained solely for civil violations of Federal immigration law are separated within a facility or facilities.

“(f) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a regular circuit and schedule for the prompt transportation of apprehended aliens from the custody of those States, and political subdivisions of States, which routinely submit requests described in subsection (c), into Federal custody.

“(g) AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with appropriate State and local law enforcement and detention agencies to implement this section.

“(2) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Prior to entering into a contract or cooperative agreement with a State or political subdivision of a State under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall determine whether the State, or if appropriate, the political subdivision in which the agencies are located, has in place any formal or informal policy that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373). The Secretary shall not allocate any of the funds made available under this section to any State or political subdivision that has in place a policy that violates such section.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DETENTION AND TRANSPORTATION TO FEDERAL CUSTODY OF ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$850,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year for the detention and removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et. seq.).

#### SEC. 230. LAUNDERING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENTS.

Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “section 1590 (relating to trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor),” after “section 1363 (relating to destruction of property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction),”; and

(2) by inserting “section 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)) (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens),” after “section 590 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1590) (relating to aviation smuggling).”.

#### SEC. 231. LISTING OF IMMIGRATION VIOLATORS IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.

(a) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice the information that the Secretary has or maintains related to any alien—

(A) against whom a final order of removal has been issued;

(B) who enters into a voluntary departure agreement, or is granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge, whose period for departure has expired under subsection (a)(3) of section 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229c) (as amended by section 211(a)(1)(C)), subsection (b)(2) of such section 240B, or who has violated a condition of a voluntary departure agreement under such section 240B;

(C) whom a Federal immigration officer has confirmed to be unlawfully present in the United States; and

(D) whose visa has been revoked.

(2) REMOVAL OF INFORMATION.—The head of the National Crime Information Center should promptly remove any information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to an alien who is granted lawful authority to enter or remain legally in the United States.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in consultation with the head of the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice, shall develop and implement a procedure by which an alien may petition the Secretary or head of the National Crime Information Center, as appropriate, to remove any erroneous information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien. Under such procedures, failure by the alien to receive notice of a violation of the immigration laws shall not constitute cause for removing information provided by the Secretary under paragraph (1) related to such alien, unless such information is erroneous. Notwithstanding the 180-day time period set forth in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not provide the information required under paragraph (1) until the procedures required by this paragraph are developed and implemented.

(b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE.—Section 534(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) acquire, collect, classify, and preserve records of violations of the immigration laws of the United States; and”.

#### SEC. 232. COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall negotiate and execute, where practicable, a cooperative enforcement agreement described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) with at least 1 law enforcement agency in each State, to train law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of individuals engaged in transporting, harboring, sheltering, or encouraging aliens in violation of section 274 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1324).

#### SEC. 233. INCREASE OF FEDERAL DETENTION SPACE AND THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1990.

(a) CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF DETENTION FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall construct or acquire, in addition to existing facilities for the detention of aliens, 20 detention facilities in the United States that have the capacity to detain a combined total of not less than 10,000 individuals at any time for aliens detained pending removal or a decision on removal of such aliens from the United States.

(2) DETERMINATION OF LOCATION.—The location of any detention facility built or acquired in accordance with this subsection shall be determined with the concurrence of the Secretary by the senior officer responsible for Detention and Removal Operations in the Department. The detention facilities shall be located so as to enable the officers and employees of the Department to increase to the maximum extent practicable the annual rate and level of removals of illegal aliens from the United States.

(3) USE OF INSTALLATIONS UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAWS.—In acquiring detention facilities



under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the transfer of appropriate portions of military installations approved for closure or realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) for use in accordance with paragraph (1).

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 241(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1231(g)(1)) is amended by striking “may expend” and inserting “shall expend”.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 234. DETERMINATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH FEDERAL OFFENSES.**

(a) **RESPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.**—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the office of the United States Attorney that is prosecuting a criminal case in a Federal court—

(1) shall determine, not later than 30 days after filing the initial pleadings in the case, whether each defendant in the case is lawfully present in the United States (subject to subsequent legal proceedings to determine otherwise);

(2)(A) if the defendant is determined to be an alien lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination and the current status of the alien under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(B) if the defendant is determined not to be lawfully present in the United States, shall notify the court in writing of the determination, the defendant's alien status, and, to the extent possible, the country of origin or legal residence of the defendant; and

(3) ensure that the information described in paragraph (2) is included in the case file and the criminal records system of the office of the United States attorney.

(b) **GUIDELINES.**—A determination made under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in accordance with guidelines of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the Department of Justice.

(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL COURTS.**—

(1) **MODIFICATIONS OF RECORDS AND CASE MANagements SYSTEMS.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, all Federal courts that hear criminal cases, or appeals of criminal cases, shall modify their criminal records and case management systems, in accordance with guidelines which the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall establish, so as to enable accurate reporting of information described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) **DATA ENTRIES.**—Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal court described in paragraph (1) shall enter into its electronic records the information contained in each notification to the court under subsection (a)(2).

(d) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to provide a basis for admitting evidence to a jury or releasing information to the public regarding an alien's immigration status.

(e) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall include, in the annual report filed with Congress under section 604 of title 28, United States Code—

(1) statistical information on criminal trials of aliens in the courts and criminal convictions of aliens in the lower courts and upheld on appeal, including the type of crime in each case and including information on the legal status of the aliens; and

(2) recommendations on whether additional court resources are needed to accom-

modate the volume of criminal cases brought against aliens in the Federal courts.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year shall remain available until expended.

**TITLE III—UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS**

**SEC. 301. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274A (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 274A. UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.**

**“(a) MAKING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS UNLAWFUL.—**

**“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is unlawful for an employer—**

**“(A) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, an alien for employment in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment; or**

**“(B) to hire, or to recruit or refer for a fee, for employment in the United States an individual unless such employer meets the requirements of subsections (c) and (d).**

**“(2) CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT.—It is unlawful for an employer, after lawfully hiring an alien for employment, to continue to employ the alien in the United States knowing or with reason to know that the alien is (or has become) an unauthorized alien with respect to such employment.**

**“(3) USE OF LABOR THROUGH CONTRACT.—In this section, an employer who uses a contract, subcontract, or exchange, entered into, renegotiated, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, to obtain the labor of an alien in the United States knowing, or with reason to know, that the alien is an unauthorized alien with respect to performing such labor, shall be considered to have hired the alien for employment in the United States in violation of paragraph (1)(A).**

**“(4) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF UNLAWFUL HIRING.—If the Secretary determines that an employer has hired more than 10 unauthorized aliens during a calendar year, a rebuttable presumption is created for the purpose of a civil enforcement proceeding, that the employer knew or had reason to know that such aliens were unauthorized.**

**“(5) DEFENSE.—**

**“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an employer that establishes that the employer has complied in good faith with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) has established an affirmative defense that the employer has not violated paragraph (1)(A) with respect to such hiring, recruiting, or referral.**

**“(B) EXCEPTION.—Until the date that an employer is required to participate in the Electronic Employment Verification System under subsection (d) or is permitted to participate in such System on a voluntary basis, the employer may establish an affirmative defense under subparagraph (A) without a showing of compliance with subsection (d).**

**“(b) ORDER OF INTERNAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—**

**“(1) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an employer has failed to comply with this section, the Secretary is authorized, at any time, to require that the employer certify that the employer is in compliance with this section, or has instituted a program to come into compliance.**

**“(2) CONTENT OF CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date an employer receives a request for a certification under paragraph (1) the chief executive officer or**

similar official of the employer shall certify under penalty of perjury that—

**“(A) the employer is in compliance with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d); or**

**“(B) that the employer has instituted a program to come into compliance with such requirements.**

**“(3) EXTENSION.—The 60-day period referred to in paragraph (2), may be extended by the Secretary for good cause, at the request of the employer.**

**“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary is authorized to publish in the Federal Register standards or methods for certification and for specific record-keeping practices with respect to such certification, and procedures for the audit of any records related to such certification.**

**“(c) DOCUMENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An employer hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, an individual for employment in the United States shall take all reasonable steps to verify that the individual is eligible for such employment. Such steps shall include meeting the requirements of subsection (d) and the following paragraphs:**

**“(1) ATTESTATION BY EMPLOYER.—**

**“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—**

**“(i) IN GENERAL.—The employer shall attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form prescribed by the Secretary, that the employer has verified the identity and eligibility for employment of the individual by examining—**

**“(I) a document described in subparagraph (B); or**

**“(II) a document described in subparagraph (C) and a document described in subparagraph (D).**

**“(ii) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.**

**“(iii) STANDARDS FOR EXAMINATION.—An employer has complied with the requirement of this paragraph with respect to examination of documentation if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable person would conclude that the document examined is genuine and establishes the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States.**

**“(iv) REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS.—A participant in the Electronic Employment Verification System established under subsection (d), regardless of whether such participation is voluntary or mandatory, shall be permitted to utilize any technology that is consistent with this section and with any regulation or guidance from the Secretary to streamline the procedures to comply with the attestation requirement, and to comply with the employment eligibility verification requirements contained in this section.**

**“(B) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING BOTH EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—**

**“(i) United States passport; or**

**“(ii) permanent resident card or other document designated by the Secretary, if the document—**

**“(I) contains a photograph of the individual and such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the Secretary proscribes in regulations is sufficient for the purposes of this subparagraph;**

**“(II) is evidence of eligibility for employment in the United States; and**

**“(III) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.**

**“(C) DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual's—**



“(i) social security account number card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security (other than a card which specifies on its face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States); or

“(ii) any other documents evidencing eligibility of employment in the United States, if—

“(I) the Secretary has published a notice in the Federal Register stating that such document is acceptable for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(D) DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL.—A document described in this subparagraph is an individual’s—

“(i) driver’s license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that complies with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 119 Stat. 302);

“(ii) driver’s license or identity card issued by a State, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or an outlying possession of the United States that is not in compliance with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, if the license or identity card—

“(I) is not required by the Secretary to comply with such requirements; and

“(II) contains the individual’s photograph or information, including the individual’s name, date of birth, gender, and address; and

“(iii) identification card issued by a Federal agency or department, including a branch of the Armed Forces, or an agency, department, or entity of a State, or a Native American tribal document, provided that such card or document—

“(I) contains the individual’s photograph or information including the individual’s name, date of birth, gender, eye color, and address; and

“(II) contains security features to make the card resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use; or

“(iv) in the case of an individual who is under 16 years of age who is unable to present a document described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii), a document of personal identity of such other type that—

“(I) the Secretary determines is a reliable means of identification; and

“(II) contains security features to make the document resistant to tampering, counterfeiting, and fraudulent use.

“(E) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT USE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—

“(i) AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary finds that a document or class of documents described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) is not reliable to establish identity or eligibility for employment (as the case may be) or is being used fraudulently to an unacceptable degree, the Secretary is authorized to prohibit, or impose conditions, on the use of such document or class of documents for purposes of this subsection.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall publish notice of any findings under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

“(2) ATTESTATION OF EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The individual shall attest, under penalty of perjury on the form prescribed by the Secretary, that the individual is a national of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or an alien who is authorized under this Act or by the Secretary to be hired, recruited or referred for a fee, in the United States.

“(ii) SIGNATURE FOR EXAMINATION.—An attestation required by clause (i) may be manifested by a handwritten or electronic signature.

“(B) PENALTIES.—An individual who falsely represents that the individual is eligible for employment in the United States in an attestation required by subparagraph (A) shall, for each such violation, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

“(3) RETENTION OF ATTESTATION.—An employer shall retain a paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic version of an attestation submitted under paragraph (1) or (2) for an individual and make such attestations available for inspection by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, any other person designated by the Secretary, the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices of the Department of Justice, or the Secretary of Labor during a period beginning on the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual and ending—

“(A) in the case of the recruiting or referral for a fee (without hiring) of an individual, 7 years after the date of the recruiting or referral; or

“(B) in the case of the hiring of an individual the later of—

“(i) 7 years after the date of such hiring;

“(ii) 1 year after the date the individual’s employment is terminated; or

“(iii) in the case of an employer or class of employers, a period that is less than the applicable period described in clause (i) or (ii) if the Secretary reduces such period for such employer or class of employers.

“(4) DOCUMENT RETENTION AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall retain, for the applicable period described in paragraph (3), the following documents:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer shall copy all documents presented by an individual pursuant to this subsection and shall retain paper, microfiche, microfilm, or electronic copies of such documents. Such copies shall reflect the signature of the employer and the individual and the date of receipt of such documents.

“(ii) USE OF RETAINED DOCUMENTS.—An employer shall use copies retained under clause (i) only for the purposes of complying with the requirements of this subsection, except as otherwise permitted under law.

“(B) RETENTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY CORRESPONDENCE.—The employer shall maintain records related to an individual of any no-match notice from the Commissioner of Social Security regarding the individual’s name or corresponding social security account number and the steps taken to resolve each issue described in the no-match notice.

“(C) RETENTION OF CLARIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—The employer shall maintain records of any actions and copies of any correspondence or action taken by the employer to clarify or resolve any issue that raises reasonable doubt as to the validity of the individual’s identity or eligibility for employment in the United States.

“(D) RETENTION OF OTHER RECORDS.—The Secretary may require that an employer retain copies of additional records related to the individual for the purposes of this section.

“(5) PENALTIES.—An employer that fails to comply with the requirement of this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (e)(4)(B).

“(6) NO AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize, directly or

indirectly, the issuance, use, or establishment of a national identification card.

“(d) ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—

“(1) REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall implement an Electronic Employment Verification System (referred to in this subsection as the ‘System’) as described in this subsection.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF SYSTEM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through the System—

“(i) provide a response to an inquiry made by an employer through the Internet or other electronic media or over a telephone line regarding an individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States;

“(ii) establish a set of codes to be provided through the System to verify such identity and authorization; and

“(iii) maintain a record of each such inquiry and the information and codes provided in response to such inquiry.

“(B) INITIAL RESPONSE.—Not later than 3 days after an employer submits an inquiry to the System regarding an individual, the Secretary shall provide, through the System, to the employer—

“(i) if the System is able to confirm the individual’s identity and eligibility for employment in the United States, a confirmation notice, including the appropriate codes on such confirmation notice; or

“(ii) if the System is unable to confirm the individual’s identity or eligibility for employment in the United States, a tentative nonconfirmation notice, including the appropriate codes for such nonconfirmation notice.

“(C) VERIFICATION PROCESS IN CASE OF A TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION NOTICE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If a tentative nonconfirmation notice is issued under subparagraph (B)(ii), not later than 10 days after the date an individual submits information to contest such notice under paragraph (7)(C)(ii)(III), the Secretary, through the System, shall issue a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice to the employer, including the appropriate codes for such notice.

“(ii) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Security to develop a verification process to be used to provide a final confirmation notice or a final nonconfirmation notice under clause (i).

“(D) DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, shall design and operate the System—

“(i) to maximize reliability and ease of use by employers in a manner that protects and maintains the privacy and security of the information maintained in the System;

“(ii) to respond to each inquiry made by an employer; and

“(iii) to track and record any occurrence when the System is unable to receive such an inquiry;

“(iv) to include appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of personal information;

“(v) to allow for monitoring of the use of the System and provide an audit capability; and

“(vi) to have reasonable safeguards, developed in consultation with the Attorney General, to prevent employers from engaging in unlawful discriminatory practices, based on national origin or citizenship status.

“(E) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the



System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and social security account number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Commissioner in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such social security account number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether such social security account number is valid for employment in the United States; and

“(iv) a confirmation notice or a nonconfirmation notice under subparagraph (B) or (C), in a manner that ensures that other information maintained by the Commissioner is not disclosed or released to employers through the System.

“(F) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a reliable, secure method to provide through the System, within the time periods required by subparagraphs (B) and (C)—

“(i) a determination of whether the name and alien identification or authorization number provided in an inquiry by an employer match such information maintained by the Secretary in order to confirm the validity of the information provided;

“(ii) a determination of whether such number was issued to the named individual;

“(iii) a determination of whether the individual is authorized to be employed in the United States; and

“(iv) any other related information that the Secretary may require.

“(G) UPDATING INFORMATION.—The Commissioner of Social Security and the Secretary shall update the information maintained in the System in a manner that promotes maximum accuracy and shall provide a process for the prompt correction of erroneous information.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (4) and (5), the Secretary shall require employers to participate in the System as follows:

“(A) CRITICAL EMPLOYERS.—

“(i) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require any employer or class of employers to participate in the System, with respect to employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after such date of enactment, if the Secretary determines, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, such employer or class of employer is—

“(I) part of the critical infrastructure of the United States; or

“(II) directly related to the national security or homeland security of the United States.

“(ii) DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION.—As of the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary may require an additional employer or class of employers to participate in the System with respect to employees hired on or after such date if the Secretary designates such employer or class of employers, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, as a critical employer based on immigration enforcement or homeland security needs.

“(B) LARGE EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with 5,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(C) MID-SIZED EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require an employer with less than 5,000 employees and with 1,000 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(D) SMALL EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers with less than 1,000 employees and with 250 or more employees in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by the employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(E) REMAINING EMPLOYERS.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall require all employers in the United States to participate in the System, with respect to all employees hired by an employer after the date the Secretary requires such participation.

“(F) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the requirements for participation in the System as described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) prior to the effective date of such requirements.

“(4) OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the Secretary has the authority, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion—

“(A) to permit any employer that is not required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) to participate in the System on a voluntary basis; and

“(B) to require any employer that is required to participate in the System under paragraph (3) with respect to newly hired employees to participate in the System with respect to all employees hired by the employer prior to, on, or after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, if the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that the employer has engaged in violations of the immigration laws.

“(5) WAIVER.—The Secretary is authorized to waive or delay the participation requirements of paragraph (3) with respect to any employer or class of employers if the Secretary provides notice to Congress of such waiver prior to the date such waiver is granted.

“(6) CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE.—If an employer is required to participate in the System and fails to comply with the requirements of the System with respect to an individual—

“(A) such failure shall be treated as a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section with respect to such individual; and

“(B) a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, however such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(7) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer that participates in the System, with respect to the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, any individual for employment in the United States, shall—

“(i) obtain from the individual and record on the form designated by the Secretary—

“(I) the individual's social security account number; and

“(II) in the case of an individual who does not attest that the individual is a national of the United States under subsection (c)(2), such identification or authorization number that the Secretary shall require; and

“(ii) retain the original of such form and make such form available for inspection for the periods and in the manner described in subsection (c)(3).

“(B) SEEKING VERIFICATION.—The employer shall submit an inquiry through the System to seek confirmation of the individual's identity and eligibility for employment in the United States—

“(i) not later than 3 working days (or such other reasonable time as may be specified by the Secretary of Homeland Security) after the date of the hiring, or recruiting or referring for a fee, of the individual (as the case may be); or

“(ii) in the case of an employee hired prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, at such time as the Secretary shall specify.

“(C) CONFIRMATION OR NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) CONFIRMATION UPON INITIAL INQUIRY.—If an employer receives a confirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(i) for an individual, the employer shall record, on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in such notice.

“(ii) NONCONFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION.—

“(I) NONCONFIRMATION.—If an employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation notice under paragraph (2)(B)(ii) for an individual, the employer shall inform such individual of the issuances of such notice in writing and the individual may contest such nonconfirmation notice.

“(II) NO CONTEST.—If the individual does not contest the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I) within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual's employer, the notice shall become final and the employer shall record on the form specified by the Secretary, the appropriate code provided in the nonconfirmation notice.

“(III) CONTEST.—If the individual contests the tentative nonconfirmation notice under subclause (I), the individual shall submit appropriate information to contest such notice to the System within 10 days of receiving notice from the individual's employer and shall utilize the verification process developed under paragraph (2)(C)(ii).

“(IV) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF TENTATIVE NONCONFIRMATION.—A tentative nonconfirmation notice shall remain in effect until a final such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final confirmation notice or final nonconfirmation notice is issued by the System.

“(V) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION.—An employer may not terminate the employment of an individual based on a tentative nonconfirmation notice until such notice becomes final under clause (II) or a final nonconfirmation notice is issued for the individual by the System. Nothing in this clause shall apply to a termination of employment for any reason other than because of such a failure.

“(VI) RECORDING OF CONCLUSION ON FORM.—If a final confirmation or nonconfirmation is provided by the System regarding an individual, the employer shall record on the form designated by the Secretary the appropriate code that is provided under the System to indicate a confirmation or nonconfirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of the individual.

“(D) CONSEQUENCES OF NONCONFIRMATION.—

“(i) TERMINATION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT.—If the employer has received a final nonconfirmation regarding an individual, the employer shall terminate the employment, recruitment, or referral of the individual. Such employer shall provide to the Secretary any information relating to the nonconfirmed individual that the Secretary determines would assist the Secretary in enforcing or administering the immigration laws. If the employer continues to employ,



recruit, or refer the individual after receiving final nonconfirmation, a rebuttable presumption is created that the employer has violated subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Such presumption may not apply to a prosecution under subsection (f)(1).

“(8) PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY.—No employer that participates in the System shall be liable under any law for any employment-related action taken with respect to an individual in good faith reliance on information provided by the System.

“(9) LIMITATION ON USE OF THE SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit or allow any department, bureau, or other agency of the United States to utilize any information, database, or other records used in the System for any purpose other than as provided for under this subsection.

“(10) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary, after notice is submitted to Congress and provided to the public in the Federal Register, is authorized to modify the requirements of this subsection, including requirements with respect to completion of forms, method of storage, attestations, copying of documents, signatures, methods of transmitting information, and other operational and technical aspects to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and security of the System.

“(11) FEES.—The Secretary is authorized to require any employer participating in the System to pay a fee or fees for such participation. The fees may be set at a level that will recover the full cost of providing the System to all participants. The fees shall be deposited and remain available as provided in subsection (m) and (n) of section 286 and the System is providing an immigration adjudication and naturalization service for purposes of section 286(n).

“(12) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the capacity, systems integrity, and accuracy of the System.

“(e) COMPLIANCE.—

“(1) COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures—

“(A) for individuals and entities to file complaints regarding potential violations of subsection (a);

“(B) for the investigation of those complaints that the Secretary deems it appropriate to investigate; and

“(C) for the investigation of such other violations of subsection (a), as the Secretary determines are appropriate.

“(2) AUTHORITY IN INVESTIGATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting investigations and hearings under this subsection, officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security—

“(i) shall have reasonable access to examine evidence of any employer being investigated; and

“(ii) if designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security, may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at any designated place in an investigation or case under this subsection.

“(B) FAILURE TO COOPERATE.—In case of refusal to obey a subpoena lawfully issued under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary may request that the Attorney General apply in an appropriate district court of the United States for an order requiring compliance with such subpoena, and any failure to obey such order may be punished by such court as contempt.

“(C) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the investigative authority provided under section 11(a) of the

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 211(a)) to ensure compliance with the provisions of this title, or any regulation or order issued under this title.

“(3) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES.—

“(A) PREPENALTY NOTICE.—If the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a violation of a requirement of this section and determines that further proceedings related to such violation are warranted, the Secretary shall issue to the employer concerned a written notice of the Secretary's intention to issue a claim for a fine or other penalty. Such notice shall—

“(i) describe the violation;

“(ii) specify the laws and regulations allegedly violated;

“(iii) disclose the material facts which establish the alleged violation; and

“(iv) inform such employer that the employer shall have a reasonable opportunity to make representations as to why a claim for a monetary or other penalty should not be imposed.

“(B) REMISSION OR MITIGATION OF PENALTIES.—

“(i) PETITION BY EMPLOYER.—Whenever any employer receives written notice of a fine or other penalty in accordance with subparagraph (A), the employer may file within 30 days from receipt of such notice, with the Secretary a petition for the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, or a petition for termination of the proceedings. The petition may include any relevant evidence or proffer of evidence the employer wishes to present, and shall be filed and considered in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary.

“(ii) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary finds that such fine or other penalty was incurred erroneously, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission or mitigation of such fine or penalty, the Secretary may remit or mitigate such fine or other penalty on the terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable and just, or order termination of any proceedings related to the notice. Such mitigating circumstances may include good faith compliance and participation in, or agreement to participate in, the System, if not otherwise required.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY.—This subparagraph may not apply to an employer that has or is engaged in a pattern or practice of violations of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2) of subsection (a) or of any other requirements of this section.

“(C) PENALTY CLAIM.—After considering evidence and representations offered by the employer pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall determine whether there was a violation and promptly issue a written final determination setting forth the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the determination is based and the appropriate penalty.

“(4) CIVIL PENALTIES.—

“(A) HIRING OR CONTINUING TO EMPLOY UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS.—Any employer that violates any provision of paragraph (1)(A) or (2) of subsection (a) shall pay civil penalties as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to any such provision, pay a civil penalty of not less

than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to each such violation.

“(B) RECORD KEEPING OR VERIFICATION PRACTICES.—Any employer that violates or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b), (c), or (d), shall pay a civil penalty as follows:

“(i) Pay a civil penalty of not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each such violation.

“(ii) If the employer has previously been fined 1 time under this subparagraph, pay a civil penalty of not less than \$400 and not more than \$4,000 for each such violation.

“(iii) If the employer has previously been fined more than 1 time under this subparagraph or has failed to comply with a previously issued and final order related to such requirements, pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each such violation.

“(C) OTHER PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Secretary may impose additional penalties for violations, including cease and desist orders, specially designed compliance plans to prevent further violations, suspended fines to take effect in the event of a further violation, and in appropriate cases, the civil penalty described in subsection (g)(2).

“(D) REDUCTION OF PENALTIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), the Secretary is authorized to reduce or mitigate penalties imposed upon employers, based upon factors including the employer's hiring volume, compliance history, good faith implementation of a compliance program, participation in a temporary worker program, and voluntary disclosure of violations of this subsection to the Secretary.

“(E) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—All penalties in this section may be adjusted every 4 years to account for inflation, as provided by law.

“(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—An employer adversely affected by a final determination may, within 45 days after the date the final determination is issued, file a petition in the Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit for review of the order. The filing of a petition as provided in this paragraph shall stay the Secretary's determination until entry of judgment by the court. The burden shall be on the employer to show that the final determination was not supported by substantial evidence. The Secretary is authorized to require that the petitioner provide, prior to filing for review, security for payment of fines and penalties through bond or other guarantee of payment acceptable to the Secretary.

“(6) ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—If an employer fails to comply with a final determination issued against that employer under this subsection, and the final determination is not subject to review as provided in paragraph (5), the Attorney General may file suit to enforce compliance with the final determination in any appropriate district court of the United States. In any such suit, the validity and appropriateness of the final determination shall not be subject to review.

“(f) CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS FOR PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An employer that engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violations of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$20,000 for each unauthorized alien with respect to whom such a violation occurs, imprisoned for not more than 6 months for the entire pattern or practice, or both.

“(2) ENJOINING OF PATTERN OR PRACTICE VIOLATIONS.—If the Secretary or the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that an employer is engaged in a pattern or practice of employment, recruitment, or referral in violation of paragraph (1)(A) or (2)



of subsection (a), the Attorney General may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States requesting such relief, including a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order against the employer, as the Secretary deems necessary.

**“(g) PROHIBITION OF INDEMNITY BONDS.—**

**“(1) PROHIBITION.—**It is unlawful for an employer, in the hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, of an individual, to require the individual to post a bond or security, to pay or agree to pay an amount, or otherwise to provide a financial guarantee or indemnity, against any potential liability arising under this section relating to such hiring, recruiting, or referring of the individual.

**“(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—**Any employer which is determined, after notice and opportunity for mitigation of the monetary penalty under subsection (e), to have violated paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation and to an administrative order requiring the return of any amounts received in violation of such paragraph to the employee or, if the employee cannot be located, to the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

**“(h) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—**

**“(1) EMPLOYERS WITH NO CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—**

**“(A) IN GENERAL.—**If an employer who does not hold a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is determined by the Secretary to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, the employer shall be debarred from the receipt of a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement for a period of 2 years. The Secretary or the Attorney General shall advise the Administrator of General Services of such a debarment, and the Administrator of General Services shall list the employer on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs for a period of 2 years.

**“(B) WAIVER.—**The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, may waive operation of this subsection or may limit the duration or scope of the debarment.

**“(2) EMPLOYERS WITH CONTRACTS, GRANTS, OR AGREEMENTS.—**

**“(A) IN GENERAL.—**An employer who holds a Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security to be a repeat violator of this section or is convicted of a crime under this section, shall be debarred from the receipt of Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

**“(B) NOTICE TO AGENCIES.—**Prior to debarring the employer under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall advise any agency or department holding a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer of the Government's intention to debar the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years.

**“(C) WAIVER.—**After consideration of the views of any agency or department that holds a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the employer, the Secretary may, in lieu of debarring the employer from the receipt of new Federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements for a period of 2 years, waive operation of this subsection, limit the duration or scope of the debarment, or may refer to an appropriate lead agency the decision of whether to debar the employer, for what duration, and under what scope in accordance with the procedures and

standards prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, any proposed debarment predicated on an administrative determination of liability for civil penalty by the Secretary or the Attorney General shall not be reviewable in any debarment proceeding. The decision of whether to debar or take alternation shall not be judicially reviewed.

**“(3) SUSPENSION.—**Indictments for violations of this section or adequate evidence of actions that could form the basis for debarment under this subsection shall be considered a cause for suspension under the procedures and standards for suspension prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

**“(1) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—**

**“(1) DOCUMENTATION.—**In providing documentation or endorsement of authorization of aliens (other than aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence) eligible to be employed in the United States, the Secretary shall provide that any limitations with respect to the period or type of employment or employer shall be conspicuously stated on the documentation or endorsement.

**“(2) PREEMPTION.—**The provisions of this section preempt any State or local law—

**“(A) imposing civil or criminal sanctions (other than through licensing and similar laws) upon those who employ, or recruit or refer for a fee for employment, unauthorized aliens; or**

**“(B) requiring, as a condition of conducting, continuing, or expanding a business, that a business entity—**

**“(i) provide, build, fund, or maintain a shelter, structure, or designated area for use by day laborers at or near its place of business; or**

**“(ii) take other steps that facilitate the employment of day laborers by others.**

**“(j) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—**Except as otherwise specified, civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited by the Secretary into the Employer Compliance Fund established under section 286(w).

**“(k) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

**“(1) EMPLOYER.—**The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any entity of the Government of the United States, hiring, recruiting, or referring an individual for employment in the United States.

**“(2) NO-MATCH NOTICE.—**The term ‘no-match notice’ means written notice from the Commissioner of Social Security to an employer reporting earnings on a Form W-2 that an employee name or corresponding social security account number fail to match records maintained by the Commissioner.

**“(3) SECRETARY.—**Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

**“(4) UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—**The term ‘unauthorized alien’ means, with respect to the employment of an alien at a particular time, that the alien is not at that time either—

**“(A) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or**

**“(B) authorized to be so employed by this Act or by the Secretary.”**

**(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—**

**(1) AMENDMENT.—**Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a) are repealed.

**(2) CONSTRUCTION.—**Nothing in this subsection or in subsection (d) of section 274A, as amended by subsection (a), may be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary to allow or continue to allow the participation of employers who participated in the basic pilot program under such sections

401, 402, 403, 404, and 405 in the Electronic Employment Verification System established pursuant to such subsection (d).

**(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—**The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 302. EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.**

Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

**“(w) EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE FUND.—**

**“(1) IN GENERAL.—**There is established in the general fund of the Treasury, a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘Employer Compliance Fund’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Fund’).

**“(2) DEPOSITS.—**There shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the Fund all civil monetary penalties collected by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 274A.

**“(3) PURPOSE.—**Amounts refunded to the Secretary from the Fund shall be used for the purposes of enhancing and enforcing employer compliance with section 274A.

**“(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—**Amounts deposited into the Fund shall remain available until expended and shall be refunded out of the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, at least on a quarterly basis, to the Secretary of Homeland Security.”

**SEC. 303. ADDITIONAL WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND FRAUD DETECTION AGENTS.**

**(a) WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT.—**The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, annually increase, by not less than 2,000, the number of positions for investigators dedicated to enforcing compliance with sections 274 and 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324, and 1324a) during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**(b) FRAUD DETECTION.—**The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, increase by not less than 1,000 the number of positions for agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement dedicated to immigration fraud detection during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—**There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2011 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.**

Section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii)(I)), is amended by striking “citizen” and inserting “national”.

**TITLE IV—NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA REFORM**

**Subtitle A—Temporary Guest Workers**

**SEC. 401. IMMIGRATION IMPACT STUDY.**

**(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—**Any regulation that would increase the number of aliens who are eligible for legal status may not take effect before 90 days after the date on which the Director of the Bureau of the Census submits a report to Congress under subsection (c).

**(b) STUDY.—**The Director of the Bureau of the Census, jointly with the Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall undertake a study examining the impacts of the current and proposed annual grants of



legal status, including immigrant and non-immigrant status, along with the current level of illegal immigration, on the infrastructure of and quality of life in the United States.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of the Census shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study required by subsection (b), including the following information:

(1) An estimate of the total legal and illegal immigrant populations of the United States, as they relate to the total population.

(2) The projected impact of legal and illegal immigration on the size of the population of the United States over the next 50 years, which regions of the country are likely to experience the largest increases, which small towns and rural counties are likely to lose their character as a result of such growth, and how the proposed regulations would affect these projections.

(3) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the natural environment, including the consumption of non-renewable resources, waste production and disposal, the emission of pollutants, and the loss of habitat and productive farmland, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current standards in each of these areas, the degree to which current standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effects the proposed regulations would have.

(4) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on employment and wage rates, particularly in industries such as agriculture and services in which the foreign born are concentrated, an estimate of the associated public costs, and the additional effects the proposed regulations would have.

(5) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the need for additions and improvements to the transportation infrastructure of the United States, an estimate of the public expenditures required to meet this need, the impact on Americans' mobility if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(6) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on enrollment, class size, teacher-student ratios, and the quality of education in public schools, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(7) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on home ownership rates, housing prices, and the demand for low-income and subsidized housing, the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards in these areas, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(8) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on access to quality health care and on the cost of health care and health insurance, an estimate of the public expenditures required to maintain current median standards, the degree to which those standards will deteriorate if such expenditures are not forthcoming, and the additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

(9) The impact of the current and projected foreign-born populations on the criminal justice system in the United States, an estimate of the associated public costs, and the

additional effect the proposed regulations would have.

#### **SEC. 402. NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY WORKER.**

(a) **TEMPORARY WORKER CATEGORY.**—Section 101(a)(15)(H) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)) is amended to read as follows:

“(H) an alien—

“(i)(b) subject to section 212(j)(2)—

“(aa) who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform services (other than services described in clause (ii)(a) or subparagraph (O) or (P)) in a specialty occupation described in section 214(i)(1) or as a fashion model;

“(bb) who meets the requirements for the occupation specified in section 214(i)(2) or, in the case of a fashion model, is of distinguished merit and ability; and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security that the intending employer has filed an application with the Secretary in accordance with section 212(n)(1);

“(bl)(aa) who is entitled to enter the United States under the provisions of an agreement listed in section 214(g)(8)(A);

“(bb) who is engaged in a specialty occupation described in section 214(i)(3); and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State that the intending employer has filed an attestation with the Secretary of Labor in accordance with section 212(t)(1); or

“(c)(aa) who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform services as a registered nurse;

“(bb) who meets the qualifications described in section 212(m)(1); and

“(cc) with respect to whom the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of Homeland Security that an unexpired attestation is on file and in effect under section 212(m)(2) for the facility (as defined in section 212(m)(6)) for which the alien will perform the services; or

“(ii)(a) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform agricultural labor or services (as defined by the Secretary of Labor), including agricultural labor (as defined in section 3121(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), agriculture (as defined in section 3(f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(f))), and the pressing of apples for cider on a farm, of a temporary or seasonal nature;

“(b) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning;

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform nonagricultural work or services of a temporary or seasonal nature (if unemployed persons capable of performing such work or services cannot be found in the United States), excluding medical school graduates coming to the United States to perform services as members of the medical profession; or

“(c) who—

“(aa) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning;

“(bb) is coming temporarily to the United States to perform temporary labor or services other than the labor or services described in clause (i)(b), (i)(c), (ii)(a), or (iii), or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R) (if unemployed persons capable of performing such labor or services cannot be found in the United States); and

“(cc) meets the requirements of section 218A, including the filing of a petition under such section on behalf of the alien;

“(iii) who—

“(a) has a residence in a foreign country which the alien has no intention of abandoning; and

“(b) is coming temporarily to the United States as a trainee (other than to receive graduate medical education or training) in a training program that is not designed primarily to provide productive employment; or

“(iv) who—

“(a) is the spouse or a minor child of an alien described in clause (iii); and

“(b) is accompanying or following to join such alien.”

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date which is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to aliens, who, on such effective date, are outside of the United States.

#### **SEC. 403. ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANT TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS.**

(a) **TEMPORARY GUEST WORKERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 2 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218 the following:

##### **“SEC. 218A. ADMISSION OF H-2C NON-IMMIGRANTS.**

“(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of State may grant a temporary visa to an H-2C nonimmigrant who demonstrates an intent to perform labor or services in the United States (other than the labor or services described in clause (i)(b) or (ii)(a) of section 101(a)(15)(H) or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R)) of section 101(a)(15).

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.**—An alien shall be eligible for H-2C nonimmigrant status if the alien meets the following requirements:

“(1) **ELIGIBILITY TO WORK.**—The alien shall establish that the alien is capable of performing the labor or services required for an occupation under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(2) **EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.**—The alien shall establish that the alien has received a job offer from an employer who has complied with the requirements of 218B.

“(3) **FEE.**—The alien shall pay a \$500 visa issuance fee in addition to the cost of processing and adjudicating such application. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect consular procedures for charging reciprocal fees.

“(4) **MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**—The alien shall undergo a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status), at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(5) **APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.**—

“(A) **APPLICATION FORM.**—The alien shall submit to the Secretary a completed application, on a form designed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, including proof of evidence of the requirements under paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(B) **CONTENT.**—In addition to any other information that the Secretary requires to determine an alien's eligibility for H-2C nonimmigrant status, the Secretary shall require an alien to provide information concerning the alien's—

“(i) physical and mental health;

“(ii) criminal history and gang membership;

“(iii) immigration history; and

“(iv) involvement with groups or individuals that have engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States Government.

“(C) **KNOWLEDGE.**—The alien shall include with the application submitted under this paragraph a signed certification in which the alien certifies that—



“(i) the alien has read and understands all of the questions and statements on the application form;

“(ii) the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct; and

“(iii) the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(c) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining an alien's admissibility as an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(A) paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (7), (9)(B), and (9)(C) of section 212(a) may be waived for conduct that occurred before the effective date of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006;

“(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security may not waive the application of—

“(i) subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (H), or (I) of section 212(a)(2) (relating to criminals);

“(ii) section 212(a)(3) (relating to security and related grounds); or

“(iii) subparagraph (A), (C) or (D) of section 212(a)(10) (relating to polygamists and child abductors); and

“(C) for conduct that occurred before the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive the application of any provision of section 212(a) not listed in subparagraph (B) on behalf of an individual alien—

“(i) for humanitarian purposes;

“(ii) to ensure family unity; or

“(iii) if such a waiver is otherwise in the public interest.

“(2) RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIONS.—An alien seeking renewal of authorized admission or subsequent admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant shall establish that the alien is not inadmissible under section 212(a).

“(d) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not admit, and the Secretary of State shall not issue a visa to, an alien seeking H-2C nonimmigrant status unless all appropriate background checks have been completed.

“(e) INELIGIBLE TO CHANGE NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.—An H-2C nonimmigrant may not change nonimmigrant classification under section 248.

“(f) PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—

“(1) AUTHORIZED PERIOD AND RENEWAL.—The initial period of authorized admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant shall be 3 years, and the alien may seek 1 extension for an additional 3-year period.

“(2) INTERNATIONAL COMMUTERS.—An alien who resides outside the United States and commutes into the United States to work as an H-2C nonimmigrant, is not subject to the time limitations under paragraph (1).

“(3) LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), the period of authorized admission of an H-2C nonimmigrant shall terminate if the alien is unemployed for 60 or more consecutive days.

“(B) RETURN TO FOREIGN RESIDENCE.—Any alien whose period of authorized admission terminates under subparagraph (A) shall be required to leave the United States.

“(C) PERIOD OF VISA VALIDITY.—Any alien, whose period of authorized admission terminates under subparagraph (A), who leaves the United States under subparagraph (B), may reenter the United States as an H-2C nonimmigrant to work for an employer, if the alien has complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (f)(2). The Secretary may, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, reauthorize such alien for admission as an H-2C non-

immigrant without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(4) VISITS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(i) may travel outside of the United States; and

“(ii) may be readmitted without having to obtain a new visa if the period of authorized admission has not expired.

“(B) EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—Time spent outside the United States under subparagraph (A) shall not extend the period of authorized admission in the United States.

“(5) BARS TO EXTENSION OR ADMISSION.—An alien may not be granted H-2C nonimmigrant status, or an extension of such status, if—

“(A) the alien has violated any material term or condition of such status granted previously, including failure to comply with the change of address reporting requirements under section 265;

“(B) the alien is inadmissible as a nonimmigrant; or

“(C) the granting of such status or extension of such status would allow the alien to exceed 6 years as an H-2C nonimmigrant, unless the alien has resided and been physically present outside the United States for at least 1 year after the expiration of such H-2C nonimmigrant status.

“(g) EVIDENCE OF NONIMMIGRANT STATUS.—Each H-2C nonimmigrant shall be issued documentary evidence of nonimmigrant status, which—

“(1) shall be machine-readable, tamper-resistant, and allow for biometric authentication;

“(2) shall be designed in consultation with the Forensic Document Laboratory of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

“(3) shall, during the alien's authorized period of admission under subsection (f), serve as a valid entry document for the purpose of applying for admission to the United States—

“(A) instead of a passport and visa if the alien—

“(i) is a national of a foreign territory contiguous to the United States; and

“(ii) is applying for admission at a land border port of entry; and

“(B) in conjunction with a valid passport, if the alien is applying for admission at an air or sea port of entry;

“(4) may be accepted during the period of its validity by an employer as evidence of employment authorization and identity under section 274A(b)(1)(B); and

“(5) shall be issued to the H-2C nonimmigrant by the Secretary of Homeland Security promptly after the final adjudication of such alien's application for H-2C nonimmigrant status.

“(h) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DEPART.—If an H-2C nonimmigrant fails to depart the United States before the date which is 10 days after the date that the alien's authorized period of admission as an H-2C nonimmigrant terminates, the H-2C nonimmigrant may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law, except for relief under sections 208 and 241(b)(3) and relief under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, for an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(i) PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY OR OVERSTAY.—Any alien who enters, attempts to enter, or crosses the border after the date of the enactment of this section, and is phys-

ically present in the United States after such date in violation of this Act or of any other Federal law, may not receive, for a period of 10 years—

“(1) any relief under sections 240A and 240B; or

“(2) nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15).

“(j) PORTABILITY.—A nonimmigrant alien described in this section, who was previously issued a visa or otherwise provided H-2C nonimmigrant status, may accept a new offer of employment with a subsequent employer, if—

“(1) the employer complies with section 218B; and

“(2) the alien, after lawful admission to the United States, did not work without authorization.

“(k) CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—An H-2C nonimmigrant shall comply with the change of address reporting requirements under section 265 through either electronic or paper notification.

“(l) COLLECTION OF FEES.—All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(c).

“(m) ISSUANCE OF H-4 NONIMMIGRANT VISAS FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The alien spouse and children of an H-2C nonimmigrant (referred to in this section as ‘dependent aliens’) who are accompanying or following to join the H-2C nonimmigrant may be issued nonimmigrant visas under section 101(a)(15)(H)(iv).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.—A dependent alien is eligible for nonimmigrant status under 101(a)(15)(H)(iv) if the dependent alien meets the following requirements:

“(A) ELIGIBILITY.—The dependent alien is admissible as a nonimmigrant and does not fall within a class of aliens ineligible for H-4A nonimmigrant status listed under subsection (c).

“(B) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—Before a nonimmigrant visa is issued to a dependent alien under this subsection, the dependent alien may be required to submit to a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) at the alien's expense, that conforms to generally accepted standards of medical practice.

“(C) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—Before a nonimmigrant visa is issued to a dependent alien under this section, the consular officer shall conduct such background checks as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, considers appropriate.

“(n) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and sections 218B, 218C, and 218D:

“(1) AGGRIEVED PERSON.—The term ‘aggrieved person’ means a person adversely affected by an alleged violation of this section, including—

“(A) a worker whose job, wages, or working conditions are adversely affected by the violation; and

“(B) a representative for workers whose jobs, wages, or working conditions are adversely affected by the violation who brings a complaint on behalf of such worker.

“(2) AREA OF EMPLOYMENT.—The terms ‘area of employment’ and ‘area of intended employment’ mean the area within normal commuting distance of the worksite or physical location at which the work of the temporary worker is or will be performed. If such worksite or location is within a Metropolitan Statistical Area, any place within such area is deemed to be within the area of employment.

“(3) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect to employment, an individual who is not an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A) with respect to that employment.



“(4) **EMPLOY; EMPLOYEE; EMPLOYER.**—The terms ‘employ’, ‘employee’, and ‘employer’ have the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

“(5) **FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTOR.**—The term ‘foreign labor contractor’ means any person who for any compensation or other valuable consideration paid or promised to be paid, performs any foreign labor contracting activity.

“(6) **FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTING ACTIVITY.**—The term ‘foreign labor contracting activity’ means recruiting, soliciting, hiring, employing, or furnishing, an individual who resides outside of the United States for employment in the United States as a nonimmigrant alien described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(7) **H-2C NONIMMIGRANT.**—The term ‘H-2C nonimmigrant’ means a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(8) **SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT.**—The term ‘separation from employment’ means the worker’s loss of employment, other than through a discharge for inadequate performance, violation of workplace rules, cause, voluntary departure, voluntary retirement, or the expiration of a grant or contract. The term does not include any situation in which the worker is offered, as an alternative to such loss of employment, a similar employment opportunity with the same employer at equivalent or higher compensation and benefits than the position from which the employee was discharged, regardless of whether the employee accepts the offer. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit an employee’s rights under a collective bargaining agreement or other employment contract.

“(9) **UNITED STATES WORKER.**—The term ‘United States worker’ means an employee who is—

“(A) a citizen or national of the United States; or

“(B) an alien who is—

“(i) lawfully admitted for permanent residence;

“(ii) admitted as a refugee under section 207;

“(iii) granted asylum under section 208; or

“(iv) otherwise authorized, under this Act or by the Secretary of Homeland Security, to be employed in the United States.”.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218 the following:

“Sec. 218A. Admission of temporary H-2C workers.”.

(b) **CREATION OF STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.**—Section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1356) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(x) **STATE IMPACT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.**—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the ‘State Impact Aid Account’. Notwithstanding any other provision under this Act, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account all family supplemental visa and family supplemental extension of status fees collected under sections 218A and 218B.”.

#### **SEC. 404. EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218A, as added by section 403, the following:

##### **“SEC. 218B. EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS.**

“(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**—Each employer who employs an H-2C nonimmigrant shall—

“(1) file a petition in accordance with subsection (b); and

“(2) pay the appropriate fee, as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

“(b) **PETITION.**—A petition to hire an H-2C nonimmigrant under this section shall in-

clude an attestation by the employer of the following:

“(1) **PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.**—The employment of an H-2C nonimmigrant—

“(A) will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States similarly employed; and

“(B) did not and will not cause the separation from employment of a United States worker employed by the employer within the 180-day period beginning 90 days before the date on which the petition is filed.

“(2) **WAGES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The H-2C nonimmigrant will be paid not less than the greater of—

“(i) the actual wage level paid by the employer to all other individuals with similar experience and qualifications for the specific employment in question; or

“(ii) the prevailing wage level for the occupational classification in the area of employment, taking into account experience and skill levels of employees.

“(B) **CALCULATION.**—The wage levels under subparagraph (A) shall be calculated based on the best information available at the time of the filing of the application.

“(C) **PREVAILING WAGE LEVEL.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), the prevailing wage level shall be determined in accordance with this subparagraph. If the job opportunity is covered by a collective bargaining agreement between a union and the employer, the prevailing wage shall be the wage rate set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. If the job opportunity is not covered by such an agreement, and it is in an occupation that is covered by a wage determination under a provision of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, or the Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351 et seq.), the prevailing wage level shall be the appropriate statutory wage.

“(3) **WORKING CONDITIONS.**—All workers in the occupation at the place of employment at which the H-2C nonimmigrant will be employed will be provided the working conditions and benefits that are normal to workers similarly employed in the area of intended employment.

“(4) **LABOR DISPUTE.**—There is not a strike, lockout, or work stoppage in the course of a labor dispute in the occupation at the place of employment at which the H-2C nonimmigrant will be employed. If such strike, lockout, or work stoppage occurs following submission of the petition, the employer will provide notification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(5) **PROVISION OF INSURANCE.**—If the position for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought is not covered by the State workers’ compensation law, the employer will provide, at no cost to the H-2C nonimmigrant, insurance covering injury and disease arising out of, and in the course of, the worker’s employment, which will provide benefits at least equal to those provided under the State workers’ compensation law for comparable employment.

“(6) **NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The employer has provided notice of the filing of the petition to the bargaining representative of the employer’s employees in the occupational classification and area of employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(B) **NO BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE.**—If there is no such bargaining representative, the employer has—

“(i) posted a notice of the filing of the petition in a conspicuous location at the place or places of employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought; or

“(ii) electronically disseminated such a notice to the employer’s employees in the oc-

cupational classification for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(7) **RECRUITMENT.**—Except where the Secretary of Labor has determined that there is a shortage of United States workers in the occupation and area of intended employment for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought—

“(A) there are not sufficient workers who are able, willing, and qualified, and who will be available at the time and place needed, to perform the labor or services involved in the petition; and

“(B) good faith efforts have been taken to recruit United States workers, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, which efforts included—

“(i) the completion of recruitment during the period beginning on the date that is 90 days before the date on which the petition was filed with the Department of Homeland Security and ending on the date that is 14 days before such filing date; and

“(ii) the actual wage paid by the employer for the occupation in the areas of intended employment was used in conducting recruitment.

“(8) **INELIGIBILITY.**—The employer is not currently ineligible from using the H-2C nonimmigrant program described in this section.

“(9) **BONAFIDE OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.**—The job for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought is a bona fide job—

“(A) for which the employer needs labor or services;

“(B) which has been and is clearly open to any United States worker; and

“(C) for which the employer will be able to place the H-2C nonimmigrant on the payroll.

“(10) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND RECORDS RETENTION.**—A copy of each petition filed under this section and documentation supporting each attestation, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, will—

“(A) be provided to every H-2C nonimmigrant employed under the petition;

“(B) be made available for public examination at the employer’s place of business or work site;

“(C) be made available to the Secretary of Labor during any audit; and

“(D) remain available for examination for 5 years after the date on which the petition is filed.

“(11) **NOTIFICATION UPON SEPARATION FROM OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYMENT.**—The employer will notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Homeland Security of an H-2C nonimmigrant’s separation from employment or transfer to another employer not more than 3 business days after the date of such separation or transfer, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(12) **ACTUAL NEED FOR LABOR OR SERVICES.**—The petition was filed not more than 60 days before the date on which the employer needed labor or services for which the H-2C nonimmigrant is sought.

“(c) **AUDIT OF ATTESTATIONS.**—

“(1) **REFERRALS BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall refer all approved petitions for H-2C nonimmigrants to the Secretary of Labor for potential audit.

“(2) **AUDITS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Labor may audit any approved petition referred pursuant to paragraph (1), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(d) **INELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall not approve an employer’s petitions, applications, certifications, or attestations under any immigrant or nonimmigrant program if the Secretary of



Labor determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that the employer submitting such documents—

“(A) has, with respect to the attestations required under subsection (b)—

“(i) misrepresented a material fact;  
“(ii) made a fraudulent statement; or  
“(iii) failed to comply with the terms of such attestations; or

“(B) failed to cooperate in the audit process in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.

“(2) LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY.—An employer described in paragraph (1) shall be ineligible to participate in the labor certification programs of the Secretary of Labor for not less than the time period determined by the Secretary, not to exceed 3 years.

“(3) EMPLOYERS IN HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS.—Beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security may not approve any employer's petition under subsection (b) if the work to be performed by the H-2C nonimmigrant is located in a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget) in which the unemployment rate for unskilled and low-skilled workers during the most recently completed 6-month period averaged more than 11.0 percent.

“(e) REGULATION OF FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS.—

“(1) COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an H-2C nonimmigrant may not be treated as an independent contractor.

“(2) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—An H-2C nonimmigrant shall not be denied any right or any remedy under Federal, State, or local labor or employment law that would be applicable to a United States worker employed in a similar position with the employer because of the alien's status as a nonimmigrant worker.

“(3) TAX RESPONSIBILITIES.—With respect to each employed H-2C nonimmigrant, an employer shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local tax and revenue laws.

“(f) WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.—It shall be unlawful for an employer or a labor contractor of an H-2C nonimmigrant to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, retaliate, discharge, or in any other manner, discriminate against an employee or former employee because the employee or former employee—

“(1) discloses information to the employer or any other person that the employee or former employee reasonably believes demonstrates a violation of this Act; or

“(2) cooperates or seeks to cooperate in an investigation or other proceeding concerning compliance with the requirements of this Act.

“(g) LABOR RECRUITERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each employer that engages in foreign labor contracting activity and each foreign labor contractor shall ascertain and disclose, to each such worker who is recruited for employment at the time of the worker's recruitment—

“(A) the place of employment;

“(B) the compensation for the employment;

“(C) a description of employment activities;

“(D) the period of employment;

“(E) any other employee benefit to be provided and any costs to be charged for each benefit;

“(F) any travel or transportation expenses to be assessed;

“(G) the existence of any labor organizing effort, strike, lockout, or other labor dispute at the place of employment;

“(H) the existence of any arrangement with any owner, employer, foreign contractor, or its agent where such person receives a commission from the provision of items or services to workers;

“(I) the extent to which workers will be compensated through workers' compensation, private insurance, or otherwise for injuries or death, including—

“(i) work related injuries and death during the period of employment;

“(ii) the name of the State workers' compensation insurance carrier or the name of the policyholder of the private insurance;

“(iii) the name and the telephone number of each person who must be notified of an injury or death; and

“(iv) the time period within which such notice must be given;

“(J) any education or training to be provided or required, including—

“(i) the nature and cost of such training;

“(ii) the entity that will pay such costs; and

“(iii) whether the training is a condition of employment, continued employment, or future employment; and

“(K) a statement, in a form specified by the Secretary of Labor, describing the protections of this Act for workers recruited abroad.

“(2) FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION.—No foreign labor contractor or employer who engages in foreign labor contracting activity shall knowingly provide material false or misleading information to any worker concerning any matter required to be disclosed in paragraph (1).

“(3) LANGUAGES.—The information required to be disclosed under paragraph (1) shall be provided in writing in English or, as necessary and reasonable, in the language of the worker being recruited. The Secretary of Labor shall make forms available in English, Spanish, and other languages, as necessary, which may be used in providing workers with information required under this section.

“(4) FEES.—A person conducting a foreign labor contracting activity shall not assess any fee to a worker for such foreign labor contracting activity.

“(5) TERMS.—No employer or foreign labor contractor shall, without justification, violate the terms of any agreement made by that contractor or employer regarding employment under this program.

“(6) TRAVEL COSTS.—If the foreign labor contractor or employer charges the employee for transportation such transportation costs shall be reasonable.

“(7) OTHER WORKER PROTECTIONS.—

“(A) NOTIFICATION.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, each employer shall notify the Secretary of Labor of the identity of any foreign labor contractor engaged by the employer in any foreign labor contractor activity for, or on behalf of, the employer.

“(B) REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No person shall engage in foreign labor recruiting activity unless such person has a certificate of registration from the Secretary of Labor specifying the activities that such person is authorized to perform. An employer who retains the services of a foreign labor contractor shall only use those foreign labor contractors who are registered under this subparagraph.

“(ii) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to establish an efficient electronic process for the investigation and approval of an application for a certificate of registration of foreign labor contractors not later than 14 days after such application is filed, including—

“(I) requirements under paragraphs (1), (4), and (5) of section 102 of the Migrant and Sea-

sonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1812);

“(II) an expeditious means to update registrations and renew certificates; and

“(III) any other requirements that the Secretary may prescribe.

“(iii) TERM.—Unless suspended or revoked, a certificate under this subparagraph shall be valid for 2 years.

“(iv) REFUSAL TO ISSUE; REVOCATION; SUSPENSION.—In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend or revoke, a certificate of registration under this subparagraph if—

“(I) the application or holder of the certification has knowingly made a material misrepresentation in the application for such certificate;

“(II) the applicant for, or holder of, the certification is not the real party in interest in the application or certificate of registration and the real party in interest—

“(aa) is a person who has been refused issuance or renewal of a certificate;

“(bb) has had a certificate suspended or revoked; or

“(cc) does not qualify for a certificate under this paragraph; or

“(III) the applicant for or holder of the certification has failed to comply with this Act.

“(C) REMEDY FOR VIOLATIONS.—An employer engaging in foreign labor contracting activity and a foreign labor contractor that violates the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to remedies for foreign labor contractor violations under subsections (h) and (i). If a foreign labor contractor acting as an agent of an employer violates any provision of this subsection, the employer shall also be subject to remedies under subsections (h) and (i). An employer that violates a provision of this subsection relating to employer obligations shall be subject to remedies under subsections (h) and (i).

“(D) EMPLOYER NOTIFICATION.—An employer shall notify the Secretary of Labor if the employer becomes aware of a violation of this subsection by a foreign labor recruiter.

“(E) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—A foreign labor contractor may not violate the terms of any written agreements made with an employer relating to any contracting activity or worker protection under this subsection.

“(F) BONDING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Labor may require a foreign labor contractor to post a bond in an amount sufficient to ensure the protection of individuals recruited by the foreign labor contractor. The Secretary may consider the extent to which the foreign labor contractor has sufficient ties to the United States to adequately enforce this subsection.

“(h) ENFORCEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations for the receipt, investigation, and disposition of complaints by an aggrieved person respecting a violation of this section.

“(2) FILING DEADLINE.—No investigation or hearing shall be conducted on a complaint concerning a violation under this section unless the complaint was filed not later than 12 months after the date of such violation.

“(3) REASONABLE CAUSE.—The Secretary of Labor shall conduct an investigation under this subsection if there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of this section has occurred. The process established under this subsection shall provide that, not later than 30 days after a complaint is filed, the Secretary shall determine if there is reasonable cause to find such a violation.

“(4) NOTICE AND HEARING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the Secretary of Labor makes a determination of reasonable cause under paragraph (4), the Secretary shall issue a notice



to the interested parties and offer an opportunity for a hearing on the complaint, in accordance with section 556 of title 5, United States Code.

“(B) COMPLAINT.—If the Secretary of Labor, after receiving a complaint under this subsection, does not offer the aggrieved party or organization an opportunity for a hearing under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall notify the aggrieved party or organization of such determination and the aggrieved party or organization may seek a hearing on the complaint in accordance with such section 556.

“(C) HEARING DEADLINE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under this paragraph, the Secretary of Labor shall make a finding on the matter in accordance with paragraph (5).

“(5) ATTORNEYS’ FEES.—A complainant who prevails with respect to a claim under this subsection shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

“(6) POWER OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction—

“(A) to seek remedial action, including injunctive relief;

“(B) to recover the damages described in subsection (i); or

“(C) to ensure compliance with terms and conditions described in subsection (g).

“(7) SOLICITOR OF LABOR.—Except as provided in section 518(a) of title 28, United States Code, the Solicitor of Labor may appear for and represent the Secretary of Labor in any civil litigation brought under this subsection. All such litigation shall be subject to the direction and control of the Attorney General.

“(8) PROCEDURES IN ADDITION TO OTHER RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES.—The rights and remedies provided to workers under this section are in addition to any other contractual or statutory rights and remedies of the workers, and are not intended to alter or affect such rights and remedies.

“(i) PENALTIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary of Labor finds a violation of subsection (b), (e), (f), or (g), the Secretary may impose administrative remedies and penalties, including—

“(A) back wages;

“(B) benefits; and

“(C) civil monetary penalties.

“(2) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Labor may impose, as a civil penalty—

“(A) for a violation of subsection (e) or (f)—

“(i) a fine in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(ii) if the violation was willful violation, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(iii) if the violation was willful and if in the course of such violation a United States worker was harmed, a fine in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per violation per affected worker; and

“(B) for a violation of subsection (g)—

“(i) a fine in an amount not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 per violation per affected worker;

“(ii) if the violation was willful, a fine in an amount not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000 per violation per affected worker; and

“(iii) if the violation was willful and if in the course of such violation a United States worker was harmed, a fine in an amount not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$35,000 per violation per affected worker.

“(3) USE OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—All penalties collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury in accordance with section 286(w).

“(4) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—If a willful and knowing violation of subsection (g) causes extreme physical or financial harm to an individual, the person in violation of such subsection may be imprisoned for not more than 6 months, fined in an amount not more than \$35,000, or both.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218A, as added by section 403, the following:

“Sec. 218B. Employer obligations.”.

#### SEC. 405. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 218B, as added by section 404, the following:

#### “SEC. 218C. ALIEN EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of State, and the Commission of Social Security, shall develop and implement a program (referred to in this section as the ‘alien employment management system’) to manage and track the employment of aliens described in sections 218A and 218D.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The alien employment management system shall—

“(1) provide employers who seek employees with an opportunity to recruit and advertise employment opportunities available to United States workers before hiring an H-2C nonimmigrant;

“(2) collect sufficient information from employers to enable the Secretary of Homeland Security to determine—

“(A) if the nonimmigrant is employed;

“(B) which employers have hired an H-2C nonimmigrant;

“(C) the number of H-2C nonimmigrants that an employer is authorized to hire and is currently employing;

“(D) the occupation, industry, and length of time that an H-2C nonimmigrant has been employed in the United States;

“(3) allow employers to request approval of multiple H-2C nonimmigrant workers; and

“(4) permit employers to submit applications under this section in an electronic form.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 218B, as added by section 404, the following:

“Sec. 218C. Alien employment management system.”.

#### SEC. 406. RULEMAKING; EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations, in accordance with the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code, to carry out the provisions of sections 218A, 218B, and 218C, as added by this Act.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by sections 403, 404, and 405 shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act with regard to aliens, who, on such effective date, are in the foreign country where they maintain residence.

#### SEC. 407. RECRUITMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.

(a) ELECTRONIC JOB REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Labor shall establish a publicly accessible Web page on the Internet website of the Department of Labor that provides a single Internet link to each State workforce agency’s statewide electronic registry of jobs available throughout the United States to United States workers.

(b) RECRUITMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—

(1) POSTING.—An employer shall attest that the employer has posted an employment opportunity in accordance with section 218B(b)(9) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by this Act.

(2) RECORDS.—An employer shall maintain records for not less than 1 year after the date on which an H-2C nonimmigrant is hired that describe the reasons for not hiring any of the United States workers who may have applied for such position.

(c) OVERSIGHT AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.—The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations regarding the maintenance of electronic job registry records for the purpose of audit or investigation.

(d) ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC JOB REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Labor shall ensure that job opportunities advertised on an electronic job registry established under this section are accessible—

(1) by the State workforce agencies, which may further disseminate job opportunity information to other interested parties; and

(2) through the Internet, for access by workers, employers, labor organizations, and other interested parties.

#### SEC. 408. TEMPORARY GUEST WORKER VISA PROGRAM TASK FORCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task force to be known as the “Temporary Worker Task Force” (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force are—

(1) to study the impact of the admission of aliens under section 101(a)(15)(ii)(c) on the wages, working conditions, and employment of United States workers; and

(2) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor regarding the need for an annual numerical limitation on the number of aliens that may be admitted in any fiscal year under section 101(a)(15)(ii)(c).

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be composed of 10 members, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as chairman of the Task Force;

(B) 1 shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party in the Senate, in consultation with the leader of the minority party in the House of Representatives, and shall serve as vice chairman of the Task Force;

(C) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(D) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(E) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(F) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(2) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) QUORUM.—Six members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Task Force shall be—

(A) individuals with expertise in economics, demography, labor, business, or immigration or other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

(B) representative of a broad cross-section of perspectives within the United States, including the public and private sectors and academia.

(2) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 5 members of the Task Force may be members of the same political party.



(3) **NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.**—An individual appointed to the Task Force may not be an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of any State or local government.

(e) **MEETINGS.**—

(1) **INITIAL MEETING.**—The Task Force shall meet and begin the operations of the Task Force as soon as practicable.

(2) **SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.**—After its initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet upon the call of the chairman or a majority of its members.

(f) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit, to Congress, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary, a report that contains—

(1) findings with respect to the duties of the Task Force; and

(2) recommendations for imposing a numerical limit.

(g) **NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.**—Section 214(g)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) may not exceed—

“(i) 400,000 for the first fiscal year in which the program is implemented;

“(ii) in any subsequent fiscal year—

“(I) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the first quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 20 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 20 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(II) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the second quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 15 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 15 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(III) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the third quarter of that fiscal year, then an additional 10 percent of the allocated number shall be made available immediately and the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 10 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year;

“(IV) if the total number of visas allocated for that fiscal year are allotted within the last quarter of that fiscal year, then the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall increase by 10 percent of the original allocated amount in the prior fiscal year; and

“(V) with the exception of the first subsequent fiscal year to the fiscal year in which the program is implemented, if fewer visas were allotted the previous fiscal year than the number of visas allocated for that year and the reason was not due to processing delays or delays in promulgating regulations, then the allocated amount for the following fiscal year shall decrease by 10 percent of the allocated amount in the prior fiscal year.”.

(h) **ADJUSTMENT TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.**—Section 245 (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n)(1) For purposes of adjustment of status under subsection (a), employment-based immigrant visas shall be made available to an alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) upon the filing of a petition for such a visa—

“(A) by the alien’s employer; or

“(B) by the alien, if the alien has maintained such nonimmigrant status in the

United States for a cumulative total of 4 years.

“(2) An alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) may not apply for adjustment of status under this section unless the alien—

“(A) is physically present in the United States; and

“(B) the alien establishes that the alien—

“(i) meets the requirements of section 312; or

“(ii) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study to achieve such an understanding of English and knowledge and understanding of the history and government of the United States.

“(3) An alien who demonstrates that the alien meets the requirements of section 312 may be considered to have satisfied the requirements of that section for purposes of becoming naturalized as a citizen of the United States under title III.

“(4) Filing a petition under paragraph (1) on behalf of an alien or otherwise seeking permanent residence in the United States for such alien shall not constitute evidence of the alien’s ineligibility for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c).

“(5) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall extend, in 1-year increments, the stay of an alien for whom a labor certification petition filed under section 203(b) or an immigrant visa petition filed under section 204(b) is pending until a final decision is made on the alien’s lawful permanent residence.

“(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent an alien having nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) from filing an application for adjustment of status under this section in accordance with any other provision of law.”.

#### **SEC. 409. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary and the Attorney General, shall negotiate with each home country of aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 402, to enter into a bilateral agreement with the United States that conforms to the requirements under subsection (b).

(b) **REQUIREMENTS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.**—Each agreement negotiated under subsection (a) shall require the participating home country to—

(1) accept the return of nationals who are ordered removed from the United States within 3 days of such removal;

(2) cooperate with the United States Government to—

(A) identify, track, and reduce gang membership, violence, and human trafficking and smuggling; and

(B) control illegal immigration;

(3) provide the United States Government with—

(A) passport information and criminal records of aliens who are seeking admission to, or are present in, the United States; and

(B) admission and entry data to facilitate United States entry-exit data systems; and

(4) educate nationals of the home country regarding United States temporary worker programs to ensure that such nationals are not exploited; and

(5) evaluate means to provide housing incentives in the alien’s home country for returning workers.

#### **SEC. 410. S VISAS.**

(a) **EXPANSION OF S VISA CLASSIFICATION.**—Section 101(a)(15)(S) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(S)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” each place that term appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) in subclause (I), by inserting before the semicolon, “, including a criminal enterprise undertaken by a foreign government, its agents, representatives, or officials”; and

(C) in subclause (III), by inserting “where the information concerns a criminal enterprise undertaken by an individual or organization that is not a foreign government, its agents, representatives, or officials,” before “whose”; and

(D) by striking “or” at the end; and

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(B) by striking “1956,” and all that follows through “the alien;” and inserting the following: “1956; or

“(iii) who the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence, jointly determine—

“(I) is in possession of critical reliable information concerning the activities of governments or organizations, or their agents, representatives, or officials, with respect to weapons of mass destruction and related delivery systems, if such governments or organizations are at risk of developing, selling, or transferring such weapons or related delivery systems; and

“(II) is willing to supply or has supplied, fully and in good faith, information described in subclause (I) to appropriate persons within the United States Government;

“and, if the Secretary of Homeland Security (or with respect to clause (ii), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security jointly) considers it to be appropriate, the spouse, married and unmarried sons and daughters, and parents of an alien described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) if accompanying, or following to join, the alien;”.

(b) **NUMERICAL LIMITATION.**—Section 214(k)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)(1)) is amended by striking “The number of aliens” and all that follows through the period and inserting the following: “The number of aliens who may be provided a visa as nonimmigrants under section 101(a)(15)(S) in any fiscal year may not exceed 1,000.”.

(c) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **CONTENT.**—Paragraph (4) of section 214(k) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “The Attorney General” and inserting “The Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(ii) by striking “concerning—” and inserting “that includes—”;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”; and

(C) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(D) by inserting at the end the following:

“(F) in the event that the total number of such nonimmigrants admitted is fewer than 25 percent of the total number provided for under paragraph (1) of this subsection—

“(i) the reasons why the number of such nonimmigrants admitted is fewer than 25 percent of that provided for by law;

“(ii) the efforts made by the Secretary of Homeland Security to admit such nonimmigrants; and

“(iii) any extenuating circumstances that contributed to the admission of a number of such nonimmigrants that is fewer than 25 percent of that provided for by law.”.

(2) **FORM OF REPORT.**—Section 214(k) (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) To the extent required by law and if it is in the interests of national security or the security of such nonimmigrants that are admitted, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the information contained in a report described in paragraph (4)



may be classified, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, to the extent feasible, submit a non-classified version of the report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.”.

#### SEC. 411. L VISA LIMITATIONS.

Section 214(c)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “In the case” and inserting “Except as provided in subparagraph (H), in the case”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(G)(i) If the beneficiary of a petition under this subsection is coming to the United States to open, or be employed in, a new facility, the petition may be approved for a period not to exceed 12 months only if the employer operating the new facility has—

“(I) a business plan;

“(II) sufficient physical premises to carry out the proposed business activities; and

“(III) the financial ability to commence doing business immediately upon the approval of the petition.

“(ii) An extension of the approval period under clause (i) may not be granted until the importing employer submits to the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(I) evidence that the importing employer meets the requirements of this subsection;

“(II) evidence that the beneficiary meets the requirements of section 101(a)(15)(L);

“(III) a statement summarizing the original petition;

“(IV) evidence that the importing employer has fully complied with the business plan submitted under clause (i);

“(V) evidence of the truthfulness of any representations made in connection with the filing of the original petition;

“(VI) evidence that the importing employer, during the previous 12 months, has been doing business at the new facility through regular, systematic, and continuous provision of goods or services, or has otherwise been taking commercially reasonable steps to establish the new facility as a commercial enterprise;

“(VII) a statement of the duties the beneficiary has performed at the new facility during the previous 12 months and the duties the beneficiary will perform at the new facility during the extension period approved under this clause;

“(VIII) a statement describing the staffing at the new facility, including the number of employees and the types of positions held by such employees;

“(IX) evidence of wages paid to employees if the beneficiary will be employed in a managerial or executive capacity;

“(X) evidence of the financial status of the new facility; and

“(XI) any other evidence or data prescribed by the Secretary.

“(iii) Notwithstanding subclauses (I) through (VI) of clause (ii) and subject to the maximum period of authorized admission set forth in subparagraph (D), the Secretary of Homeland Security may approve a subsequently filed petition on behalf of the beneficiary to continue employment at the facility described in this subsection for a period beyond the initially granted 12-month period if the importing employer demonstrates that the failure to satisfy any of the requirements described in those subclauses was directly caused by extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the importing employer.

“(H)(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security may not authorize the spouse of an alien described under section 101(a)(15)(L), who is a

dependent of a beneficiary under subparagraph (G), to engage in employment in the United States during the initial 9-month period described in subparagraph (G)(i).

“(ii) A spouse described in clause (i) may be provided employment authorization upon the approval of an extension under subparagraph (G)(ii).

“(I) For purposes of determining the eligibility of an alien for classification under Section 101(a)(15)(L) of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a program to work cooperatively with the Department of State to verify a company or facility’s existence in the United States and abroad.”.

#### SEC. 412. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle for the first fiscal year beginning before the date of enactment of this Act and each of the subsequent fiscal years beginning not more than 7 years after the effective date of the regulations promulgated by the Secretary to implement this subtitle.

#### Subtitle B—Immigration Injunction Reform

#### SEC. 421. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Fairness in Immigration Litigation Act of 2006”.

#### SEC. 422. APPROPRIATE REMEDIES FOR IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION.

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ORDER GRANTING PROSPECTIVE RELIEF AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a court determines that prospective relief should be ordered against the Government in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, the court shall—

(A) limit the relief to the minimum necessary to correct the violation of law;

(B) adopt the least intrusive means to correct the violation of law;

(C) minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, the adverse impact on national security, border security, immigration administration and enforcement, and public safety, and

(D) provide for the expiration of the relief on a specific date, which is not later than the earliest date necessary for the Government to remedy the violation.

(2) WRITTEN EXPLANATION.—The requirements described in subsection (1) shall be discussed and explained in writing in the order granting prospective relief and must be sufficiently detailed to allow review by another court.

(3) EXPIRATION OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Preliminary injunctive relief shall automatically expire on the date that is 90 days after the date on which such relief is entered, unless the court—

(A) makes the findings required under paragraph (1) for the entry of permanent prospective relief; and

(B) makes the order final before expiration of such 90-day period.

(4) REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDER DENYING MOTION.—This subsection shall apply to any order denying the Government’s motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR MOTION AFFECTING ORDER GRANTING PROSPECTIVE RELIEF AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A court shall promptly rule on the Government’s motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or

enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

(2) AUTOMATIC STAYS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Government’s motion to vacate, modify, dissolve, or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief made in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States shall automatically, and without further order of the court, stay the order granting prospective relief on the date that is 15 days after the date on which such motion is filed unless the court previously has granted or denied the Government’s motion.

(B) DURATION OF AUTOMATIC STAY.—An automatic stay under subparagraph (A) shall continue until the court enters an order granting or denying the Government’s motion.

(C) POSTPONEMENT.—The court, for good cause, may postpone an automatic stay under subparagraph (A) for not longer than 15 days.

(D) ORDERS BLOCKING AUTOMATIC STAYS.—Any order staying, suspending, delaying, or otherwise barring the effective date of the automatic stay described in subparagraph (A), other than an order to postpone the effective date of the automatic stay for not longer than 15 days under subparagraph (C), shall be—

(i) treated as an order refusing to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an injunction; and

(ii) immediately appealable under section 1292(a)(1) of title 28, United States Code.

(c) SETTLEMENTS.—

(1) CONSENT DECREES.—In any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, the court may not enter, approve, or continue a consent decree that does not comply with subsection (a).

(2) PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this section shall preclude parties from entering into a private settlement agreement that does not comply with subsection (a) if the terms of that agreement are not subject to court enforcement other than reinstatement of the civil proceedings that the agreement settled.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CONSENT DECREE.—The term “consent decree” —

(A) means any relief entered by the court that is based in whole or in part on the consent or acquiescence of the parties; and

(B) does not include private settlements.

(2) GOOD CAUSE.—The term “good cause” does not include discovery or congestion of the court’s calendar.

(3) GOVERNMENT.—The term “Government” means the United States, any Federal department or agency, or any Federal agent or official acting within the scope of official duties.

(4) PERMANENT RELIEF.—The term “permanent relief” means relief issued in connection with a final decision of a court.

(5) PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term “private settlement agreement” means an agreement entered into among the parties that is not subject to judicial enforcement other than the reinstatement of the civil action that the agreement settled.

(6) PROSPECTIVE RELIEF.—The term “prospective relief” means temporary, preliminary, or permanent relief other than compensatory monetary damages.

(e) EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS.—It shall be the duty of every court to advance on the docket and to expedite the disposition of any civil action or motion considered under this section.



**SEC. 423. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—This subtitle shall apply with respect to all orders granting prospective relief in any civil action pertaining to the administration or enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, whether such relief was ordered before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) PENDING MOTIONS.—Every motion to vacate, modify, dissolve or otherwise terminate an order granting prospective relief in any such action, which motion is pending on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be treated as if it had been filed on such date of enactment.

**(c) AUTOMATIC STAY FOR PENDING MOTIONS.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—An automatic stay with respect to the prospective relief that is the subject of a motion described in subsection (b) shall take effect without further order of the court on the date which is 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act if the motion—

(A) was pending for 45 days as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) is still pending on the date which is 10 days after such date of enactment.

(2) DURATION OF AUTOMATIC STAY.—An automatic stay that takes effect under paragraph (1) shall continue until the court enters an order granting or denying the Government's motion under section 422(b). There shall be no further postponement of the automatic stay with respect to any such pending motion under section 422(b)(2). Any order, staying, suspending, delaying or otherwise barring the effective date of this automatic stay with respect to pending motions described in subsection (b) shall be an order blocking an automatic stay subject to immediate appeal under section 422(b)(2)(D).

**TITLE V—BACKLOG REDUCTION****SEC. 501. ELIMINATION OF EXISTING BACKLOGS.**

(a) FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(c) (8 U.S.C. 1151(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—The worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(1) 480,000;

“(2) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year;

“(3) the difference between—

“(A) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during fiscal years 2001 through 2005 minus the number of visas issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(B) the number of visas calculated under subparagraph (A) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.”.

(b) EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 201(d) (8 U.S.C. 1151(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the worldwide level of employment-based immigrants under this subsection for a fiscal year is equal to the sum of—

“(A)(i) 450,000, for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2016; or

“(ii) 290,000, for fiscal year 2017 and each subsequent fiscal year;

“(B) the difference between the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the number of visas issued during the previous fiscal year; and

“(C) the difference between—

“(i) the maximum number of visas authorized to be issued under this subsection dur-

ing fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and the number of visa numbers issued under this subsection during those fiscal years; and

“(ii) the number of visas calculated under clause (i) that were issued after fiscal year 2005.

“(2) VISAS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.—Immigrant visas issued on or after October 1, 2004, to spouses and children of employment-based immigrants shall not be counted against the numerical limitation set forth in paragraph (1).”.

**SEC. 502. COUNTRY LIMITS.**

Section 202(a) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, (4), and (5)” and inserting “and (4)”; and

(B) by striking “7 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 2 percent” and inserting “10 percent (in the case of a single foreign state) or 5 percent”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

**SEC. 503. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.**

(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(a) (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) PREFERENCE ALLOCATIONS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANTS.—Aliens subject to the worldwide level specified in section 201(c) for family-sponsored immigrants shall be allocated visas as follows:

“(1) UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the unmarried sons or daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (4).

“(2) SPOUSES AND UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Visas in a quantity not to exceed 50 percent of such worldwide level plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to qualified immigrants who are—

“(i) the spouses or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

“(ii) the unmarried sons or daughters of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“(B) MINIMUM PERCENTAGE.—Visas allocated to individuals described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall constitute not less than 77 percent of the visas allocated under this paragraph.

“(3) MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the married sons and daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed the sum of—

“(A) 10 percent of such worldwide level; and

“(B) any visas not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(4) BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CITIZENS.—Qualified immigrants who are the brothers or sisters of a citizen of the United States who is at least 21 years of age shall be allocated visas in a quantity not to exceed 30 percent of the worldwide level.”.

(b) PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.—Section 203(b) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “15 percent”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking “28.6 percent” and inserting “35 percent”; and

(B) by striking clause (iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (4);

(5) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4);

(6) in paragraph (4)(A), as redesignated, by striking “7.1 percent” and inserting “5 percent”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (4), as redesignated, the following:

“(5) OTHER WORKERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Visas shall be made available, in a number not to exceed 30 percent of such worldwide level, plus any visa numbers not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) through (4), to qualified immigrants who are capable, at the time of petitioning for classification under this paragraph, of performing unskilled labor that is not of a temporary or seasonal nature, for which qualified workers are determined to be unavailable in the United States.

“(B) PRIORITY.—In allocating visas under subparagraph (A), priority shall be given to qualified immigrants who were physically present in the United States before January 7, 2004,”; and

(8) by striking paragraph (6).

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT.—Section 101(a)(27)(M) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(M)) is amended by striking “subject to the numerical limitations of section 203(b)(4).”.

(2) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN WORKERS' VISAS.—Section 203(e) of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (Public Law 105-100; 8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is repealed.

**SEC. 504. RELIEF FOR MINOR CHILDREN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A)(i) Aliens admitted under section 211(a) on the basis of a prior issuance of a visa under section 203(a) to their accompanying parent who is an immediate relative.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘immediate relative’ means a child, spouse, or parent of a citizen of the United States (and each child of such child, spouse, or parent who is accompanying or following to join the child, spouse, or parent), except that, in the case of parents, such citizens shall be at least 21 years of age.

“(iii) An alien who was the spouse of a citizen of the United States for not less than 2 years at the time of the citizen's death and was not legally separated from the citizen at the time of the citizen's death, and each child of such alien, shall be considered, for purposes of this subsection, to remain an immediate relative after the date of the citizen's death if the spouse files a petition under section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) before the earlier of—

“(I) 2 years after such date; or

“(II) the date on which the spouse remarries.

“(iv) In this clause, an alien who has filed a petition under clause (iii) or (iv) of section 204(a)(1)(A) remains an immediate relative if the United States citizen spouse or parent loses United States citizenship on account of the abuse.

“(B) Aliens born to an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence during a temporary visit abroad.”.

(b) PETITION.—Section 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1154 (a)(1)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “in the second sentence of section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) also” and inserting “in section 201(b)(2)(A)(iii) or an alien child or alien parent described in the 201(b)(2)(A)(iv)”.

**SEC. 505. SHORTAGE OCCUPATIONS.**

(a) EXCEPTION TO DIRECT NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F)(i) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 and ending on September 30, 2017, an alien—



“(I) who is otherwise described in section 203(b); and

“(II) who is seeking admission to the United States to perform labor in shortage occupations designated by the Secretary of Labor for blanket certification under section 212(a)(5)(A) due to the lack of sufficient United States workers able, willing, qualified, and available for such occupations and for which the employment of aliens will not adversely affect the terms and conditions of similarly employed United States workers.

“(ii) During the period described in clause (i), the spouse or dependents of an alien described in clause (i), if accompanying or following to join such alien.”.

(b) **EXCEPTION TO NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 202(a)(1)(A) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “201(b)(2)(A)(i)” and inserting “201(b)”.

(c) **EXCEPTION TO PER COUNTRY LEVELS FOR FAMILY-SPONSORED AND EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 202(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(2)), as amended by section 502(1), is further amended by inserting “, except for aliens described in section 201(b),” after “any fiscal year”.

(d) **INCREASING THE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF NURSES AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.**—Not later than January 1, 2007, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

(1) submit to Congress a report on the source of newly licensed nurses and physical therapists in each State, which report shall—

(A) include the past 3 years for which data are available;

(B) provide separate data for each occupation and for each State;

(C) separately identify those receiving their initial license and those licensed by endorsement from another State;

(D) within those receiving their initial license in each year, identify the number who received their professional education in the United States and those who received such education outside the United States; and

(E) to the extent possible, identify, by State of residence and country of education, the number of nurses and physical therapists who were educated in any of the 5 countries (other than the United States) from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived;

(F) identify the barriers to increasing the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;

(G) recommend strategies to be followed by Federal and State governments that would be effective in removing such barriers, including strategies that address barriers to advancement to become registered nurses for other health care workers, such as home health aides and nurses assistants;

(H) recommend amendments to Federal legislation that would increase the supply of nursing faculty, domestically trained nurses, and domestically trained physical therapists;

(I) recommend Federal grants, loans, and other incentives that would provide increases in nurse educators, nurse training facilities, and other steps to increase the domestic education of new nurses and physical therapists;

(J) identify the effects of nurse emigration on the health care systems in their countries of origin; and

(K) recommend amendments to Federal law that would minimize the effects of health care shortages in the countries of origin from which immigrant nurses arrived;

(2) enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine to determine the level of Federal investment under titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act necessary to eliminate

the domestic nursing and physical therapist shortage not later than 7 years from the date on which the report is published; and

(3) collaborate with other agencies, as appropriate, in working with ministers of health or other appropriate officials of the 5 countries from which the most nurses and physical therapists arrived, to—

(A) address health worker shortages caused by emigration;

(B) ensure that there is sufficient human resource planning or other technical assistance needed to reduce further health worker shortages in such countries.

#### SEC. 506. RELIEF FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Widows and Orphans Act of 2006”.

(b) **NEW SPECIAL IMMIGRANT CATEGORY.**—

(1) **CERTAIN CHILDREN AND WOMEN AT RISK OF HARM.**—Section 101(a)(27) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (L), by inserting a semicolon at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(N) subject to subsection (j), an immigrant who is not present in the United States—

“(i) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular, immigration, or other designated official by a United States Government agency, an international organization, or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a minor under 18 years of age (as determined under subsection (j)(5))—

“(aa) for whom no parent or legal guardian is able to provide adequate care;

“(bb) who faces a credible fear of harm related to his or her age;

“(cc) who lacks adequate protection from such harm; and

“(dd) for whom it has been determined to be in his or her best interests to be admitted to the United States; or

“(ii) who is—

“(I) referred to a consular or immigration official by a United States Government agency, an international organization or recognized nongovernmental entity designated by the Secretary of State for purposes of such referrals; and

“(II) determined by such official to be a female who has—

“(aa) a credible fear of harm related to her sex; and

“(bb) a lack of adequate protection from such harm.”.

(2) **STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**—Section 101 (8 U.S.C. 1101) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j)(1) No natural parent or prior adoptive parent of any alien provided special immigrant status under subsection (a)(27)(N)(i) shall thereafter, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under this Act.

“(2)(A) No alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N)(ii) may apply for derivative status or petition for any spouse who is represented by the alien as missing, deceased, or the source of harm at the time of the alien's application and admission. The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive this requirement for an alien who demonstrates that the alien's representations regarding the spouse were bona fide.

“(B) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) may apply for derivative status or petition for any sibling under the age of 18 years or children under the age of 18 years of any

such alien, if accompanying or following to join the alien. For purposes of this subparagraph, a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date the petition is filed with the Department of Homeland Security.

“(3) An alien who qualifies for a special immigrant visa under subsection (a)(27)(N) shall be treated in the same manner as a refugee solely for purposes of section 412.

“(4) The provisions of paragraphs (4), (5), and (7)(A) of section 212(a) shall not be applicable to any alien seeking admission to the United States under subsection (a)(27)(N), and the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any other provision of such section (other than paragraph 2(C) or subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (E) of paragraph (3) with respect to such an alien for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest. Any such waiver by the Secretary of Homeland Security shall be in writing and shall be granted only on an individual basis following an investigation. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide for the annual reporting to Congress of the number of waivers granted under this paragraph in the previous fiscal year and a summary of the reasons for granting such waivers.

“(5) For purposes of subsection (a)(27)(N)(i)(II), a determination of age shall be made using the age of the alien on the date on which the alien was referred to the consular, immigration, or other designated official.

“(6) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall waive any application fee for a special immigrant visa for an alien described in section 101(a)(27)(N).”.

(3) **EXPEDITED PROCESS.**—Not later than 45 days after the date of referral to a consular, immigration, or other designated official (as described in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1))—

(A) special immigrant status shall be adjudicated; and

(B) if special immigrant status is granted, the alien shall be paroled to the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) and allowed to apply for adjustment of status to permanent residence under section 245 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) within 1 year after the alien's arrival in the United States.

(4) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the progress of the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section, including—

(A) data related to the implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section;

(B) data regarding the number of placements of females and children who faces a credible fear of harm as referred to in section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by paragraph (1); and

(C) any other information that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection and the amendments made by this subsection.

#### (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS.—

(1) **REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.**—

(A) **DATABASE SEARCH.**—An alien may not be admitted to the United States unless the Secretary has ensured that a search of each



database maintained by an agency or department of the United States has been conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible to be admitted to the United States on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(B) COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (A) is completed not later than 45 days after the date on which an alien files a petition seeking a special immigration visa under section 101(a)(27)(N) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (b)(1).

(2) REQUIREMENT AFTER ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.—

(A) REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date that an alien enters the United States, the alien shall be fingerprinted and submit to the Secretary such fingerprints and any other personal biometric data required by the Secretary.

(ii) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may prescribe regulations that permit fingerprints submitted by an alien under section 262 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1302) or any other provision of law to satisfy the requirement to submit fingerprints of clause (i).

(B) DATABASE SEARCH.—The Secretary shall ensure that a search of each database that contains fingerprints that is maintained by an agency or department of the United States be conducted to determine whether such alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds.

(C) COOPERATION AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary and the head of each appropriate agency or department of the United States shall work cooperatively to ensure that each database search required by subparagraph (B) is completed not later than 180 days after the date on which the alien enters the United States.

(D) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There may be no review of a determination by the Secretary, after a search required by subparagraph (B), that an alien is ineligible for an adjustment of status, under any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) on criminal, security, or related grounds except as provided in this subparagraph.

(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—An alien may appeal a determination described in clause (i) through the Administrative Appeals Office of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Secretary shall ensure that a determination on such appeal is made not later than 60 days after the date that the appeal is filed.

(iii) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There may be no judicial review of a determination described in clause (i).

#### SEC. 507. STUDENT VISAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(F) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “he has no intention of abandoning, who is” and inserting the following: “except in the case of an alien described in clause (iv), the alien has no intention of abandoning, who is—

“(I)”;

(B) by striking “consistent with section 214(l)” and inserting “(except for a graduate program described in clause (iv)) consistent with section 214(m)”;

(C) by striking the comma at the end and inserting the following: “; or

“(II) engaged in temporary employment for optional practical training related to the alien’s area of study, which practical training shall be authorized for a period or periods of up to 24 months;”;

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “or (iv)” after “clause (i)”;

and

(B) by striking “, and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at the end; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) an alien described in clause (i) who has been accepted and plans to attend an accredited graduate program in mathematics, engineering, technology, or the sciences in the United States for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree.”.

(b) ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section 214(b) (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is amended by striking “subparagraph (L) or (V)” and inserting “subparagraph (F)(iv), (L), or (V)”.

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR F-4 VISA.—Section 214(m) (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended—

(1) by inserting before paragraph (1) the following:

“(m) NONIMMIGRANT ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A visa issued to an alien under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) shall be valid—

“(A) during the intended period of study in a graduate program described in such section;

“(B) for an additional period, not to exceed 1 year after the completion of the graduate program, if the alien is actively pursuing an offer of employment related to the knowledge and skills obtained through the graduate program; and

“(C) for the additional period necessary for the adjudication of any application for labor certification, employment-based immigrant petition, and application under section 245(a)(2) to adjust such alien’s status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, if such application for labor certification or employment-based immigrant petition has been filed not later than 1 year after the completion of the graduate program.”.

(d) OFF CAMPUS WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Aliens admitted as non-immigrant students described in section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) may be employed in an off-campus position unrelated to the alien’s field of study if—

(A) the alien has enrolled full time at the educational institution and is maintaining good academic standing;

(B) the employer provides the educational institution and the Secretary of Labor with an attestation that the employer—

(i) has spent at least 21 days recruiting United States citizens to fill the position; and

(ii) will pay the alien and other similarly situated workers at a rate equal to not less than the greater of—

(I) the actual wage level for the occupation at the place of employment; or

(II) the prevailing wage level for the occupation in the area of employment; and

(C) the alien will not be employed more than—

(i) 20 hours per week during the academic term; or

(ii) 40 hours per week during vacation periods and between academic terms.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Labor determines that an employer has provided an attestation under paragraph (1)(B) that is materially false or has failed to pay wages in accordance with the attestation,

the employer, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, shall be disqualified from employing an alien student under paragraph (1).

(e) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 245(a) (8 U.S.C. 1255(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien, who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States, or who has an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1), may be adjusted by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, under such regulations as the Secretary or the Attorney General may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if—

“(A) the alien makes an application for such adjustment;

“(B) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa;

“(C) the alien is admissible to the United States for permanent residence; and

“(D) an immigrant visa is immediately available to the alien at the time the application is filed.

“(2) STUDENT VISAS.—Notwithstanding the requirement under paragraph (1)(D), an alien may file an application for adjustment of status under this section if—

“(A) the alien has been issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv), or would have qualified for such nonimmigrant status if section 101(a)(15)(F)(iv) had been enacted before such alien’s graduation;

“(B) the alien has earned an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics;

“(C) the alien is the beneficiary of a petition filed under subparagraph (E) or (F) of section 204(a)(1); and

“(D) a fee of \$2,000 is remitted to the Secretary on behalf of the alien.

“(3) LIMITATION.—An application for adjustment of status filed under this section may not be approved until an immigrant visa number becomes available.”.

(f) USE OF FEES.—

(1) JOB TRAINING; SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 286(s)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 80 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

(2) FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION.—Section 286(v)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1356(v)(1)) is amended by inserting “and 20 percent of the fees collected under section 245(a)(2)(D)” before the period at the end.

#### SEC. 508. VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES.

(a) ALIENS WITH CERTAIN ADVANCED DEGREES NOT SUBJECT TO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)), as amended by section 505, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) Aliens who have earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math and have been working in a related field in the United States under a non-immigrant visa during the 3-year period preceding their application for an immigrant visa under section 203(b).

“(H) Aliens described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 203(b)(1)(A) or who have received a national interest waiver under section 203(b)(2)(B).

“(I) The spouse and minor children of an alien who is admitted as an employment-based immigrant under section 203(b).”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any visa application—

(A) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or



(B) filed on or after such date of enactment.

(b) LABOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 212(a)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) has an advanced degree in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics from an accredited university in the United States and is employed in a field related to such degree.”.

(c) TEMPORARY WORKERS.—Section 214(g) (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(beginning with fiscal year 1992)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (vii), by striking “each succeeding fiscal year; or” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006;”; and

(ii) by adding after clause (vii) the following:

“(viii) 115,000 in the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this clause; and

“(ix) the number calculated under paragraph (9) in each fiscal year after the year described in clause (viii); or”;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) has earned an advanced degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (10), (11), and (12), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) If the numerical limitation in paragraph (1)(A)—

“(A) is reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to 120 percent of the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year; or

“(B) is not reached during a given fiscal year, the numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(A)(ix) for the subsequent fiscal year shall be equal to the numerical limitation of the given fiscal year.”.

(d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to any visa application—

(1) pending on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) filed on or after such date of enactment.

## **TITLE VI—WORK AUTHORIZATION AND LEGALIZATION OF UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS**

### **Subtitle A—Access to Earned Adjustment and Mandatory Departure and Reentry**

#### **SEC. 601. ACCESS TO EARNED ADJUSTMENT AND MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006”.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1255 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 245A the following:

#### **“SEC. 245B. ACCESS TO EARNED ADJUSTMENT.**

“(a) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—

“(1) PRINCIPAL ALIENS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall adjust to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, an alien who satisfies the following requirements:

“(A) APPLICATION.—The alien shall file an application establishing eligibility for ad-

justment of status and pay the fine required under subsection (m) and any additional amounts owed under that subsection.

“(B) CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall establish that the alien—

“(I) was physically present in the United States on or before the date that is 5 years before April 5, 2006;

“(II) was not legally present in the United States on April 5, 2006; and

“(III) did not depart from the United States during the 5-year period ending on April 5, 2006, except for brief, casual, and innocent departures.

“(i) LEGALLY PRESENT.—For purposes of this subparagraph, an alien who has violated any conditions of his or her visa shall be considered not to be legally present in the United States.

“(C) ADMISSIBLE UNDER IMMIGRATION LAWS.—The alien shall establish that the alien is not inadmissible under section 212(a) except for any provision of that section that is waived under subsection (b) of this section.

“(D) EMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall have been employed in the United States, in the aggregate, for—

“(I) at least 3 years during the 5-year period ending on April 5, 2006; and

“(II) at least 6 years after the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006.

“(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(I) The employment requirement in clause (i)(I) shall not apply to an individual who is under 20 years of age on the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006.

“(II) The employment requirement in clause (i)(II) shall be reduced for an individual who cannot demonstrate employment based on a physical or mental disability or as a result of pregnancy.

“(III) The employment requirement in clause (i)(II) shall be reduced for an individual who is under 20 years of age on the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006 by a period of time equal to the time period beginning on such date of enactment and ending on the date on which the individual reaches 20 years of age.

“(IV) The employment requirements in clause (i) shall be reduced by 1 year for each year of full time post-secondary study in the United States during the relevant period.

“(iii) PORTABILITY.—An alien shall not be required to complete the employment requirements in clause (i) with the same employer.

“(iv) EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.—

“(I) CONCLUSIVE DOCUMENTS.—For purposes of satisfying the requirements in clause (i), the alien shall submit at least 2 of the following documents for each period of employment, which shall be considered conclusive evidence of such employment:

“(aa) Records maintained by the Social Security Administration.

“(bb) Records maintained by an employer, such as pay stubs, time sheets, or employment work verification.

“(cc) Records maintained by the Internal Revenue Service.

“(dd) Records maintained by a union or day labor center.

“(ee) Records maintained by any other government agency, such as worker compensation records, disability records, or business licensing records.

“(II) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—Aliens unable to submit documents described in subclause (I) shall submit at least 3 other types of reliable documents, including sworn declarations, for each period of employment to satisfy the requirement in clause (i).

“(III) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the intent of Congress that the requirement in clause (i) be interpreted and implemented in a manner that recognizes and takes into account the difficulties encountered by aliens in obtaining evidence of employment due to the undocumented status of the alien.

“(v) BURDEN OF PROOF.—An alien applying for adjustment of status under this subsection has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the alien has satisfied the employment requirements in clause (i). An alien may satisfy such burden of proof by producing sufficient evidence to show the extent of that employment as a matter of just and reasonable inference. Once the burden is met, the burden shall shift to the Secretary of Homeland Security to disprove the alien's evidence with a showing which negates the reasonableness of the inference to be drawn from the evidence.

“(E) PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES.—Not later than the date on which status is adjusted under this subsection, the alien shall establish the payment of all Federal and State income taxes owed for employment during the period of employment required under subparagraph (D)(i). The alien may satisfy such requirement by establishing that—

“(i) no such tax liability exists;

“(ii) all outstanding liabilities have been met; or

“(iii) the alien has entered into an agreement for payment of all outstanding liabilities with the Internal Revenue Service and with the department of revenue of each State to which taxes are owed.

“(F) BASIC CITIZENSHIP SKILLS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the alien shall demonstrate that the alien either—

“(I) meets the requirements of section 312(a) (relating to minimal understanding of ordinary English and a knowledge and understanding of the history and Government of the United States); or

“(II) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study, recognized by the Secretary of Homeland Security, to achieve such understanding of English and the history and Government of the United States.

“(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(I) MANDATORY.—The requirements of clause (i) shall not apply to any person who is unable to comply with those requirements because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment.

“(II) DISCRETIONARY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive all or part of the requirements of clause (i) in the case of an alien who is 65 years of age or older as of the date of the filing of the application for adjustment of status.

“(G) SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CLEARANCES.—The alien shall submit fingerprints in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Such fingerprints shall be submitted to relevant Federal agencies to be checked against existing databases for information relating to criminal, national security, or other law enforcement actions that would render the alien ineligible for adjustment of status under this subsection. The relevant Federal agencies shall work to ensure that such clearances are completed within 90 days of the submission of fingerprints. An appeal of a security clearance determination by the Secretary of Homeland Security shall be processed through the Department of Homeland Security.

“(H) MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE.—The alien shall establish that if the alien is within the age period required under the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 et seq.) that such alien has registered under that Act.



“(I) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—An alien may not adjust to an immigrant classification under this section until after the earlier of—

“(i) the consideration of all applications filed under section 201, 202, or 203 before the date of enactment of this section; or

“(ii) 8 years after the date of enactment of this section.

“(2) SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—

“(i) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, if otherwise eligible under subparagraph (B), adjust the status to that of a lawful permanent resident for—

“(I) the spouse, or child who was under 21 years of age on the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006, of an alien who adjusts status or is eligible to adjust status to that of a permanent resident under paragraph (1); or

“(II) an alien who, within 5 years preceding the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006, was the spouse or child of an alien who adjusts status to that of a permanent resident under paragraph (1), if—

“(aa) the termination of the qualifying relationship was connected to domestic violence; or

“(bb) the spouse or child has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by the spouse or parent who adjusts status or is eligible to adjust status to that of a permanent resident under paragraph (1).

“(ii) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW.—In acting on applications filed under this paragraph with respect to aliens who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply the provisions of section 204(a)(1)(J) and the protections, prohibitions, and penalties under section 384 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1367).

“(B) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY NOT APPLICABLE.—In establishing admissibility to the United States, the spouse or child described in subparagraph (A) shall establish that they are not inadmissible under section 212(a), except for any provision of that section that is waived under subsection (b) of this section.

“(C) SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CLEARANCE.—The spouse or child, if that child is 14 years of age or older, described in subparagraph (A) shall submit fingerprints in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Such fingerprints shall be submitted to relevant Federal agencies to be checked against existing databases for information relating to criminal, national security, or other law enforcement actions that would render the alien ineligible for adjustment of status under this subsection. The relevant Federal agencies shall work to ensure that such clearances are completed within 90 days of the submission of fingerprints. An appeal of a denial by the Secretary of Homeland Security shall be processed through the Department of Homeland Security.

“(3) NONAPPLICABILITY OF NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—When an alien is granted lawful permanent resident status under this subsection, the number of immigrant visas authorized to be issued under any provision of this Act shall not be reduced.

“(b) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—

“(1) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—In the determination of an alien's admissibility under paragraphs (1)(C) and (2) of subsection (a), the following provisions of section 212(a) shall apply and may not be waived by the Secretary of Homeland Security under paragraph (3)(A):

“(A) Paragraph (1) (relating to health).

“(B) Paragraph (2) (relating to criminals).

“(C) Paragraph (3) (relating to security and related grounds).

“(D) Subparagraphs (A) and (C) of paragraph (10) (relating to polygamists and child abductors).

“(2) GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY NOT APPLICABLE.—The provisions of paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (6)(B), (6)(C), (6)(F), (6)(G), (7), (9), and (10)(B) of section 212(a) shall not apply to an alien who is applying for adjustment of status under subsection (a).

“(3) WAIVER OF OTHER GROUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any provision of section 212(a) in the case of individual aliens for humanitarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest.

“(B) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security, other than under this subparagraph, to waive the provisions of section 212(a).

“(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC CHARGE.—An alien is not ineligible for adjustment of status under subsection (a) by reason of a ground of inadmissibility under section 212(a)(4) if the alien establishes a history of employment in the United States evidencing self-support without public cash assistance.

“(5) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHERE THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.—An alien is not ineligible for adjustment of status under subsection (a) by reason of a ground of inadmissibility under section 212(a)(6)(E) if the alien establishes that the action referred to in that section was taken for humanitarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or was otherwise in the public interest.

“(6) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—Section 241(a)(5) and section 240B(d) shall not apply with respect to an alien who is applying for adjustment of status under subsection (a).

“(c) TREATMENT OF APPLICANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien who files an application under subsection (a)(1)(A) for adjustment of status, including a spouse or child who files for adjustment of status under subsection (b)—

“(A) shall be granted employment authorization pending final adjudication of the alien's application for adjustment of status;

“(B) shall be granted permission to travel abroad pursuant to regulation pending final adjudication of the alien's application for adjustment of status;

“(C) shall not be detained, determined inadmissible or deportable, or removed pending final adjudication of the alien's application for adjustment of status, unless the alien commits an act which renders the alien ineligible for such adjustment of status; and

“(D) shall not be considered an unauthorized alien as defined in section 274A(h)(3) until such time as employment authorization under subparagraph (A) is denied.

“(2) DOCUMENT OF AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide each alien described in paragraph (1) with a counterfeit-resistant document of authorization that—

“(A) meets all current requirements established by the Secretary of Homeland Security for travel documents, including the requirements under section 403 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note); and

“(B) reflects the benefits and status set forth in paragraph (1).

“(3) SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CLEARANCE.—Before an alien is granted employment authorization or permission to travel under paragraph (1), the alien shall be required to undergo a name check against existing databases for information relating

to criminal, national security, or other law enforcement actions. The relevant Federal agencies shall work to ensure that such name checks are completed not later than 90 days after the date on which the name check is requested.

“(4) TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS.—An alien in removal proceedings who establishes prima facie eligibility for adjustment of status under subsection (a) shall be entitled to termination of the proceedings pending the outcome of the alien's application, unless the removal proceedings are based on criminal or national security grounds.

“(d) APPREHENSION BEFORE APPLICATION PERIOD.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide that in the case of an alien who is apprehended before the beginning of the application period described in subsection (a) and who can establish prima facie eligibility to have the alien's status adjusted under that subsection (but for the fact that the alien may not apply for such adjustment until the beginning of such period), until the alien has had the opportunity during the first 180 days of the application period to complete the filing of an application for adjustment, the alien may not be removed from the United States unless the alien is removed on the basis that the alien has engaged in criminal conduct or is a threat to the national security of the United States.

“(e) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, no Federal agency or bureau, nor any officer or employee of such agency or bureau, may—

“(A) use the information furnished by the applicant pursuant to an application filed under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) for any purpose other than to make a determination on the application;

“(B) make any publication through which the information furnished by any particular applicant can be identified; or

“(C) permit anyone other than the sworn officers and employees of such agency, bureau, or approved entity, as approved by the Secretary of Homeland Security, to examine individual applications that have been filed.

“(2) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State shall provide the information furnished pursuant to an application filed under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), and any other information derived from such furnished information, to a duly recognized law enforcement entity in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution or a national security investigation or prosecution, in each instance about an individual suspect or group of suspects, when such information is requested in writing by such entity.

“(3) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person who knowingly uses, publishes, or permits information to be examined in violation of this subsection shall be fined not more than \$10,000.

“(f) PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATIONS.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—

“(A) VIOLATION.—It shall be unlawful for any person to—

“(i) file or assist in filing an application for adjustment of status under this section and knowingly and willfully falsify, conceal, or cover up a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or make or use any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; or

“(ii) create or supply a false writing or document for use in making such an application.



“(B) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subparagraph (A) shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) INADMISSIBILITY.—An alien who is convicted of a crime under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be inadmissible to the United States.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), any alien or other entity (including an employer or union) that submits an employment record that contains incorrect data that the alien used in order to obtain such employment, shall not have violated this subsection.

“(g) INELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS.—For purposes of section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613), an alien whose status has been adjusted in accordance with subsection (a) shall not be eligible for any Federal means-tested public benefit unless the alien meets the alien eligibility criteria for such benefit under title IV of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

“(h) RELATIONSHIPS OF APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ORDERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien who is present in the United States and has been ordered excluded, deported, removed, or to depart voluntarily from the United States or is subject to reinstatement of removal under any provision of this Act may, notwithstanding such order, apply for adjustment of status under subsection (a). Such an alien shall not be required, as a condition of submitting or granting such application, to file a separate motion to reopen, reconsider, or vacate the exclusion, deportation, removal or voluntary departure order. If the Secretary of Homeland Security grants the application, the order shall be canceled. If the Secretary of Homeland Security renders a final administrative decision to deny the application, such order shall be effective and enforceable. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the review or stay of removal under subsection (j).

“(2) STAY OF REMOVAL.—The filing of an application described in paragraph (1) shall stay the removal or detainment of the alien pending final adjudication of the application, unless the removal or detainment of the alien is based on criminal or national security grounds.

“(i) APPLICATION OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—Nothing in this section shall preclude an alien who may be eligible to be granted adjustment of status under subsection (a) from seeking such status under any other provision of law for which the alien may be eligible.

“(j) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this subsection, there shall be no administrative or judicial review of a determination respecting an application for adjustment of status under subsection (a).

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—

“(A) SINGLE LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPELLATE REVIEW.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish an appellate authority to provide for a single level of administrative appellate review of a determination respecting an application for adjustment of status under subsection (a).

“(B) STANDARD FOR REVIEW.—Administrative appellate review referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be based solely upon the administrative record established at the time of the determination on the application and upon the presentation of additional or newly discovered evidence during the time of the pending appeal.

“(3) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

“(A) DIRECT REVIEW.—A person whose application for adjustment of status under subsection (a) is denied after administrative ap-

pellate review under paragraph (2) may seek review of such denial, in accordance with chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, before the United States district court for the district in which the person resides.

“(B) REVIEW AFTER REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.—There shall be judicial review in the Federal courts of appeal of the denial of an application for adjustment of status under subsection (a) in conjunction with judicial review of an order of removal, deportation, or exclusion, but only if the validity of the denial has not been upheld in a prior judicial proceeding under subparagraph (A). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the standard for review of such a denial shall be governed by subparagraph (C).

“(C) STANDARD FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Judicial review of a denial of an application under this section shall be based solely upon the administrative record established at the time of the review. The findings of fact and other determinations contained in the record shall be conclusive unless the applicant can establish abuse of discretion or that the findings are directly contrary to clear and convincing facts contained in the record, considered as a whole.

“(4) STAY OF REMOVAL.—Aliens seeking administrative or judicial review under this subsection shall not be removed from the United States until a final decision is rendered establishing ineligibility under this section, unless such removal is based on criminal or national security grounds.

“(k) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM.—During the 12 months following the issuance of final regulations in accordance with subsection (o), the Secretary of Homeland Security, in cooperation with approved entities, approved by the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall broadly disseminate information respecting adjustment of status under this section and the requirements to be satisfied to obtain such status. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall also disseminate information to employers and labor unions to advise them of the rights and protections available to them and to workers who file applications under this section. Such information shall be broadly disseminated, in the languages spoken by the top 15 source countries of the aliens who would qualify for adjustment of status under this section, including to television, radio, and print media such aliens would have access to.

“(l) EMPLOYER PROTECTIONS.—

“(1) IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ALIEN.—Employers of aliens applying for adjustment of status under this section shall not be subject to civil and criminal tax liability relating directly to the employment of such alien.

“(2) PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS.—Employers that provide unauthorized aliens with copies of employment records or other evidence of employment pursuant to an application for adjustment of status under this section or any other application or petition pursuant to other provisions of the immigration laws, shall not be subject to civil and criminal liability pursuant to section 274A for employing such unauthorized aliens.

“(3) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this subsection shall be used to shield an employer from liability pursuant to section 274B or any other labor and employment law provisions.

“(m) AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS; FINES.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security such sums as are necessary to commence the processing of applications filed under this section.

“(2) FINE.—An alien who files an application under this section shall pay a fine commensurate with levels charged by the De-

partment of Homeland Security for other applications for adjustment of status.

“(3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OWED.—Prior to the adjudication of an application for adjustment of status filed under this section, the alien shall pay an amount equaling \$2,000, but such amount shall not be required from an alien under the age of 18.

“(4) USE OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall deposit payments received under this subsection in the Immigration Examinations Fee Account, and these payments in such account shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, such that—

“(A) 80 percent of such funds shall be available to the Department of Homeland Security for border security purposes;

“(B) 10 percent of such funds shall be available to the Department of Homeland Security for implementing and processing applications under this section; and

“(C) 10 percent of such funds shall be available to the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State to cover administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the review of applications filed by immediate relatives of aliens applying for adjustment of status under this section.

“(n) MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY.—Any alien who was physically present in the United States on January 7, 2004, who seeks to adjust status under this section, but does not satisfy the requirements of subparagraph (B) or (D) of subsection (a)(1), shall be eligible to depart the United States and to seek admission as a nonimmigrant or an immigrant alien described in section 245C.

“(o) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of the Immigrant Accountability Act of 2006, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue regulations to implement this section.”

(2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 245A the following:

“245B. Access to Earned Adjustment.”

(c) MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title II (8 U.S.C. 1255 et seq.), as amended by subsection (b)(1), is further amended by inserting after section 245B the following: “

“SEC. 245C. MANDATORY DEPARTURE AND REENTRY.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may grant Deferred Mandatory Departure status to aliens who are in the United States illegally to allow such aliens time to depart the United States and to seek admission as a nonimmigrant or immigrant alien.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—An alien desiring an adjustment of status under subsection (a) shall meet the following requirements:

“(1) PRESENCE.—The alien shall establish that the alien—

“(A) was physically present in the United States on January 7, 2004;

“(B) has been continuously in the United States since such date, except for brief, casual, and innocent departures; and

“(C) was not legally present in the United States on that date under any classification set forth in section 101(a)(15).

“(2) EMPLOYMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall establish that the alien—

“(i) was employed in the United States, whether full time, part time, seasonally, or self-employed, before January 7, 2004; and

“(ii) has been continuously employed in the United States since that date, except for brief periods of unemployment lasting not longer than 60 days.



“(B) EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—An alien may conclusively establish employment status in compliance with subparagraph (A) by submitting to the Secretary of Homeland Security records demonstrating such employment maintained by—

“(I) the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, or by any other Federal, State, or local government agency;

“(II) an employer; or

“(III) a labor union, day labor center, or an organization that assists workers in matters related to employment.

“(ii) OTHER DOCUMENTS.—An alien who is unable to submit a document described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (i) may satisfy the requirement in subparagraph (A) by submitting to the Secretary at least 2 other types of reliable documents that provide evidence of employment, including—

“(I) bank records;

“(II) business records;

“(III) sworn affidavits from nonrelatives who have direct knowledge of the alien's work; or

“(IV) remittance records.

“(iii) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the intent of Congress that the requirement in this subsection be interpreted and implemented in a manner that recognizes and takes into account the difficulties encountered by aliens in obtaining evidence of employment due to the undocumented status of the alien.

“(iv) BURDEN OF PROOF.—An alien who is applying for adjustment of status under this section has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the alien has satisfied the requirements of this subsection. An alien may meet such burden of proof by producing sufficient evidence to demonstrate such employment as a matter of reasonable inference.

“(3) ADMISSIBILITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The alien shall establish that such alien—

“(i) is admissible to the United States, except as provided as in (B); and

“(ii) has not assisted in the persecution of any person or persons on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

“(B) GROUNDS NOT APPLICABLE.—The provisions of paragraphs (5), (6)(A), and (7) of section 212(a) shall not apply.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive any other provision of section 212(a), or a ground of ineligibility under paragraph (4), in the case of individual aliens for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is otherwise in the public interest.

“(4) INELIGIBLE.—The alien is ineligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status if the alien—

“(A) has been ordered excluded, deported, removed, or to depart voluntarily from the United States; or

“(B) fails to comply with any request for information by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(5) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—The alien may be required, at the alien's expense, to undergo such a medical examination (including a determination of immunization status) as is appropriate and conforms to generally accepted professional standards of medical practice.

“(6) TERMINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may terminate an alien's Deferred Mandatory Departure status if—

“(A) the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that the alien was not in fact eligible for such status; or

“(B) the alien commits an act that makes the alien removable from the United States.

“(7) APPLICATION CONTENT AND WAIVER.—

“(A) APPLICATION FORM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall create an application form that an alien shall be required to complete as a condition of obtaining Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(B) CONTENT.—In addition to any other information that the Secretary requires to determine an alien's eligibility for Deferred Mandatory Departure, the Secretary shall require an alien to answer questions concerning the alien's physical and mental health, criminal history, gang membership, renunciation of gang affiliation, immigration history, involvement with groups or individuals that have engaged in terrorism, genocide, persecution, or who seek the overthrow of the United States Government, voter registration history, claims to United States citizenship, and tax history.

“(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a waiver of rights that explains to the alien that, in exchange for the discretionary benefit of obtaining Deferred Mandatory Departure status, the alien agrees to waive any right to administrative or judicial review or appeal of an immigration officer's determination as to the alien's eligibility, or to contest any removal action, other than on the basis of an application for asylum or restriction of removal pursuant to the provisions contained in section 208 or 241(b)(3), or under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, or cancellation of removal pursuant to section 240A(a).

“(D) KNOWLEDGE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require an alien to include with the application a signed certification in which the alien certifies that the alien has read and understood all of the questions and statements on the application form, and that the alien certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the application, and any evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct, and that the applicant authorizes the release of any information contained in the application and any attached evidence for law enforcement purposes.

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION TIME PERIODS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the application process is secure and incorporates anti-fraud protection. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall interview an alien to determine eligibility for Deferred Mandatory Departure status and shall utilize biometric authentication at time of document issuance.

“(2) INITIAL RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall begin accepting applications for Deferred Mandatory Departure status not later than 3 months after the date on which the application form is first made available.

“(3) APPLICATION.—An alien must submit an initial application for Deferred Mandatory Departure status not later than 6 months after the date on which the application form is first made available. An alien that fails to comply with this requirement is ineligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(4) COMPLETION OF PROCESSING.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that all applications for Deferred Mandatory Departure status are processed not later than 12 months after the date on which the application form is first made available.

“(d) SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS.—An alien may not be granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status unless the alien submits biometric data in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Homeland Security. The Secretary of Homeland Security may not

grant Deferred Mandatory Departure status until all appropriate background checks are completed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(e) ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien who applies for Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security—

“(A) an acknowledgment made in writing and under oath that the alien—

“(i) is unlawfully present in the United States and subject to removal or deportation, as appropriate, under this Act; and

“(ii) understands the terms of the terms of Deferred Mandatory Departure;

“(B) any Social Security account number or card in the possession of the alien or relied upon by the alien;

“(C) any false or fraudulent documents in the alien's possession.

“(2) USE OF INFORMATION.—None of the documents or other information provided in accordance with paragraph (1) may be used in a criminal proceeding against the alien providing such documents or information.

“(f) MANDATORY DEPARTURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall grant Deferred Mandatory Departure status to an alien who meets the requirements of this section for a period not to exceed 3 years.

“(2) REGISTRATION AT TIME OF DEPARTURE.—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure shall—

“(A) depart from the United States before the expiration of the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status;

“(B) register with the Secretary of Homeland Security at the time of departure; and

“(C) surrender any evidence of Deferred Mandatory Departure status at the time of departure.

“(3) APPLICATION FOR READMISSION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An alien under this section may apply for admission to the United States as an immigrant or nonimmigrant while in the United States or from any location outside of the United States, but may not be granted admission until the alien has departed from the United States in accordance with paragraph (2).

“(B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary may approve an application under subparagraph (A) during the period in which the alien is present in the United States under Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(C) US-VISIT.—An alien in Deferred Mandatory Departure status who is seeking admission as a nonimmigrant or immigrant alien may exit the United States and immediately reenter the United States at any land port of entry at which the US-VISIT exit and entry system can process such alien for admission into the United States.

“(D) INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any admission requirement involving in-person interviews at a consulate of the United States shall be waived for aliens granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status under this section.

“(E) WAIVER OF NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—The numerical limitations under section 214 shall not apply to any alien who is admitted as a nonimmigrant under this paragraph.

“(4) EFFECT OF READMISSION ON SPOUSE OR CHILD.—The spouse or child of an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure and subsequently granted an immigrant or nonimmigrant visa before departing the United States shall be—

“(A) deemed to have departed under this section upon the successful admission of the principal alien; and

“(B) eligible for the derivative benefits associated with the immigrant or nonimmigrant visa granted to the principal



alien without regard to numerical caps related to such visas.

“(5) **WAIVERS.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive the departure requirement under this subsection if the alien—

“(A) is granted an immigrant or non-immigrant visa; and

“(B) can demonstrate that the departure of the alien would create a substantial hardship on the alien or an immediate family member of the alien.

“(6) **RETURN IN LEGAL STATUS.**—An alien who complies with the terms of Deferred Mandatory Departure status and who departs before the expiration of such status—

“(A) shall not be subject to section 212(a)(9)(B); and

“(B) if otherwise eligible, may immediately seek admission as a nonimmigrant or immigrant.

“(7) **FAILURE TO DEPART.**—An alien who fails to depart the United States prior to the expiration of Mandatory Deferred Departure status is not eligible and may not apply for or receive any immigration relief or benefit under this Act or any other law for a period of 10 years, with the exception of section 208 or 241(b)(3) or the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, in the case of an alien who indicates either an intention to apply for asylum under section 208 or a fear of persecution or torture.

“(8) **PENALTIES FOR DELAYED DEPARTURE.**—An alien who fails to depart immediately shall be subject to—

“(A) no fine if the alien departs not later than 1 year after the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure;

“(B) a fine of \$2,000 if the alien does not depart within 2 years after the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure; and

“(C) a fine of \$3,000 if the alien does not depart within 3 years after the grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure.

“(g) **EVIDENCE OF DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE STATUS.**—Evidence of Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall be machine-readable and tamper-resistant, shall allow for biometric authentication, and shall comply with the requirements under section 403 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note). The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to incorporate integrated-circuit technology into the document. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall consult with the Forensic Document Laboratory in designing the document. The document may serve as a travel, entry, and work authorization document during the period of its validity. The document may be accepted by an employer as evidence of employment authorization and identity under section 274A(b)(1)(B).

“(h) **TERMS OF STATUS.**—

“(1) **REPORTING.**—During the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure, an alien shall comply with all registration requirements under section 264.

“(2) **TRAVEL.**—

“(A) An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure is not subject to section 212(a)(9) for any unlawful presence that occurred prior to the Secretary of Homeland Security granting the alien Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(B) Under regulations established by the Secretary of Homeland Security, an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure—

“(i) may travel outside of the United States and may be readmitted if the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status has not expired; and

“(ii) must establish at the time of application for admission that the alien is admissible under section 212.

“(C) **EFFECT ON PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED AD-MISSION.**—Time spent outside the United States under subparagraph (B) shall not extend the period of Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(3) **BENEFITS.**—During the period in which an alien is granted Deferred Mandatory Departure under this section—

“(A) the alien shall not be considered to be permanently residing in the United States under the color of law and shall be treated as a nonimmigrant admitted under section 214; and

“(B) the alien may be deemed ineligible for public assistance by a State (as defined in section 101(a)(36)) or any political subdivision thereof which furnishes such assistance.

“(1) **PROHIBITION ON CHANGE OF STATUS OR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Before leaving the United States, an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status may not apply to change status under section 248.

“(2) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—An alien may not adjust to an immigrant classification under this section until after the earlier of—

“(A) the consideration of all applications filed under section 201, 202, or 203 before the date of enactment of this section; or

“(B) 8 years after the date of enactment of this section.

“(j) **APPLICATION FEE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien seeking a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall submit, in addition to any other fees authorized by law, an application fee of \$1,000.

“(2) **USE OF FEE.**—The fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove illegal aliens.

“(k) **FAMILY MEMBERS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject subsection (f)(4), the spouse or child of an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status is subject to the same terms and conditions as the principal alien.

“(2) **APPLICATION FEE.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The spouse or child of an alien seeking Deferred Mandatory Departure status shall submit, in addition to any other fee authorized by law, an additional fee of \$500.

“(B) **USE OF FEE.**—The fees collected under subparagraph (A) shall be available for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security for activities to identify, locate, or remove aliens who are removable under section 237.

“(1) **EMPLOYMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien who has applied for or has been granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status may be employed in the United States.

“(2) **CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT.**—An alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status must be employed while in the United States. An alien who fails to be employed for 60 days is ineligible for hire until the alien has departed the United States and reentered. The Secretary of Homeland Security may reauthorize an alien for employment without requiring the alien's departure from the United States.

“(m) **ENUMERATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of the Social Security system, shall implement a system to allow for the enumeration of a Social Security number and production of a Social Security card at the time the Secretary of Homeland Security grants an alien Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(n) **PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE.**—

“(1) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—

“(A) **VIOLATION.**—It shall be unlawful for any person—

“(i) to file or assist in filing an application for adjustment of status under this section and knowingly and willfully falsify, misrepresent, conceal, or cover up a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or make or use any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; or

“(ii) to create or supply a false writing or document for use in making such an application.

“(B) **PENALTY.**—Any person who violates subparagraph (A) shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) **INADMISSIBILITY.**—An alien who is convicted of a crime under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be inadmissible to the United States on the ground described in section 212(a)(6)(C)(i).

“(o) **RELATION TO CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL.**—With respect to an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status under this section, the period of such status shall not be counted as a period of physical presence in the United States for purposes of section 240A(a), unless the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that extreme hardship exists.

“(p) **WAIVER OF RIGHTS.**—An alien is not eligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status, unless the alien has waived any right to contest, other than on the basis of an application for asylum, restriction of removal, or protection under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, or cancellation of removal pursuant to section 240A(a), any action for deportation or removal of the alien that is instituted against the alien subsequent to a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status.

“(q) **DENIAL OF DISCRETIONARY RELIEF.**—The determination of whether an alien is eligible for a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status is solely within the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have jurisdiction to review—

“(1) any judgment regarding the granting of relief under this section; or

“(2) any other decision or action of the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority for which is specified under this section to be in the discretion of the Secretary, other than the granting of relief under section 208(a).

“(r) **JUDICIAL REVIEW.**—

“(1) **LIMITATIONS ON RELIEF.**—Without regard to the nature of the action or claim and without regard to the identity of the party or parties bringing the action, no court may—

“(A) enter declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief in any action pertaining to—

“(i) an order or notice denying an alien a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status or any other benefit arising from such status; or

“(ii) an order of removal, exclusion, or deportation entered against an alien after a grant of Deferred Mandatory Departure status; or

“(B) certify a class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in any action for which judicial review is authorized under a subsequent paragraph of this subsection.

“(2) **CHALLENGES TO VALIDITY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any right or benefit not otherwise waived or limited pursuant this section is available in an action instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, but shall be limited to determinations of—



“(i) whether such section, or any regulation issued to implement such section, violates the Constitution of the United States; or

“(ii) whether such a regulation, or a written policy directive, written policy guideline, or written procedure issued by or under the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement such section, is not consistent with applicable provisions of this section or is otherwise in violation of law.”.

(2) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), as amended by this subsection (b)(2), is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 245B the following:

“245C. Mandatory Departure and Reentry.”.

(3) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 237(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)) is amended by inserting “(or 6 months in the case of an alien granted Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 245C)” after “imposed”.

(4) **STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection, or any amendment made by this subsection, shall be construed to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

(5) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary for facilities, personnel (including consular officers), training, technology, and processing necessary to carry out the amendments made by this subsection.

(d) **CORRECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS.**—Section 208(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 408(e)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or” at the end;

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) whose status is adjusted to that of lawful permanent resident under section 245B of the Immigration and Nationality Act.”; and

(4) by striking “1990.” and inserting “1990, or in the case of an alien described in subparagraph (D), if such conduct is alleged to have occurred prior to the date on which the alien became lawfully admitted for temporary residence.”.

#### **Subtitle B—Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security**

##### **SEC. 611. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2006” or the “AgJOBS Act of 2006”.

##### **SEC. 612. DEFINITIONS.**

In this subtitle:

(1) **AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT.**—The term “agricultural employment” means any service or activity that is considered to be agricultural under section 3(f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(f)) or agricultural labor under section 3121(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3121(g)). For purposes of this paragraph, agricultural employment includes employment under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

(2) **BLUE CARD STATUS.**—The term “blue card status” means the status of an alien who has been lawfully admitted into the United States for temporary residence under section 613(a).

(3) **EMPLOYER.**—The term “employer” means any person or entity, including any farm labor contractor and any agricultural association, that employs workers in agricultural employment.

(4) **JOB OPPORTUNITY.**—The term “job opportunity” means a job opening for temporary full-time employment at a place in the United States to which United States workers can be referred.

(5) **TEMPORARY.**—A worker is employed on a “temporary” basis where the employment is intended not to exceed 10 months.

(6) **UNITED STATES WORKER.**—The term “United States worker” means any worker, whether a United States citizen or national, a lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, or any other alien, who is authorized to work in the job opportunity within the United States, except an alien admitted or otherwise provided status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

(7) **WORK DAY.**—The term “work day” means any day in which the individual is employed 1 or more hours in agriculture consistent with the definition of “man-day” under section 3(u) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(u)).

#### **CHAPTER 1—PILOT PROGRAM FOR EARNED STATUS ADJUSTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS**

##### **SEC. 613. AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.**

(a) **BLUE CARD PROGRAM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall confer blue card status upon an alien who qualifies under this subsection if the Secretary determines that the alien—

(A) has performed agricultural employment in the United States for at least 863 hours or 150 work days, whichever is less, during the 24-month period ending on December 31, 2005;

(B) applied for such status during the 18-month application period beginning on the first day of the seventh month that begins after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(C) is otherwise admissible to the United States under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182), except as otherwise provided under subsection (e)(2).

(2) **AUTHORIZED TRAVEL.**—An alien in blue card status has the right to travel abroad (including commutation from a residence abroad) in the same manner as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(3) **AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT.**—An alien in blue card status shall be provided an “employment authorized” endorsement or other appropriate work permit, in the same manner as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(4) **TERMINATION OF BLUE CARD STATUS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may terminate blue card status granted under this subsection only upon a determination under this subtitle that the alien is deportable.

(B) **GROUND FOR TERMINATION OF BLUE CARD STATUS.**—Before any alien becomes eligible for adjustment of status under subsection (c), the Secretary may deny adjustment to permanent resident status and provide for termination of the blue card status granted such alien under paragraph (1) if—

(i) the Secretary finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the adjustment to blue card status was the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation (as described in section 212(a)(6)(C)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(i)); or

(ii) the alien—

(I) commits an act that makes the alien inadmissible to the United States as an immigrant, except as provided under subsection (e)(2);

(II) is convicted of a felony or 3 or more misdemeanors committed in the United States; or

(III) is convicted of an offense, an element of which involves bodily injury, threat of se-

rious bodily injury, or harm to property in excess of \$500.

(5) **RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Each employer of a worker granted status under this subsection shall annually—

(i) provide a written record of employment to the alien; and

(ii) provide a copy of such record to the Secretary.

(B) **SUNSET.**—The obligation under subparagraph (A) shall terminate on the date that is 6 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(6) **REQUIRED FEATURES OF BLUE CARD.**—The Secretary shall provide each alien granted blue card status and the spouse and children of each such alien residing in the United States with a card that contains—

(A) an encrypted, machine-readable, electronic identification strip that is unique to the alien to whom the card is issued;

(B) biometric identifiers, including fingerprints and a digital photograph; and

(C) physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the card for fraudulent purposes.

(7) **FINE.**—An alien granted blue card status shall pay a fine to the Secretary in an amount equal to \$100.

(8) **MAXIMUM NUMBER.**—The Secretary may issue not more than 1,500,000 blue cards during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **RIGHTS OF ALIENS GRANTED BLUE CARD STATUS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, an alien in blue card status shall be considered to be an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence for purposes of any law other than any provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(2) **DELAYED ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS.**—An alien in blue card status shall not be eligible, by reason of such status, for any form of assistance or benefit described in section 403(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(a)) until 5 years after the date on which the Secretary confers blue card status upon that alien.

(3) **TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT RESPECTING ALIENS ADMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION.**—

(A) **PROHIBITION.**—No alien granted blue card status may be terminated from employment by any employer during the period of blue card status except for just cause.

(B) **TREATMENT OF COMPLAINTS.**—

(i) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS.**—The Secretary shall establish a process for the receipt, initial review, and disposition of complaints by aliens granted blue card status who allege that they have been terminated without just cause. No proceeding shall be conducted under this subparagraph with respect to a termination unless the Secretary determines that the complaint was filed not later than 6 months after the date of the termination.

(ii) **INITIATION OF ARBITRATION.**—If the Secretary finds that a complaint has been filed in accordance with clause (i) and there is reasonable cause to believe that the complainant was terminated without just cause, the Secretary shall initiate binding arbitration proceedings by requesting the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to appoint a mutually agreeable arbitrator from the roster of arbitrators maintained by such Service for the geographical area in which the employer is located. The procedures and rules of such Service shall be applicable to the selection of such arbitrator and to such arbitration proceedings. The Secretary shall pay the fee and expenses of the arbitrator, subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose.



(iii) **ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS.**—The arbitrator shall conduct the proceeding in accordance with the policies and procedures promulgated by the American Arbitration Association applicable to private arbitration of employment disputes. The arbitrator shall make findings respecting whether the termination was for just cause. The arbitrator may not find that the termination was for just cause unless the employer so demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence. If the arbitrator finds that the termination was not for just cause, the arbitrator shall make a specific finding of the number of days or hours of work lost by the employee as a result of the termination. The arbitrator shall have no authority to order any other remedy, including, but not limited to, reinstatement, back pay, or front pay to the affected employee. Within 30 days from the conclusion of the arbitration proceeding, the arbitrator shall transmit the findings in the form of a written opinion to the parties to the arbitration and the Secretary. Such findings shall be final and conclusive, and no official or court of the United States shall have the power or jurisdiction to review any such findings.

(iv) **EFFECT OF ARBITRATION FINDINGS.**—If the Secretary receives a finding of an arbitrator that an employer has terminated an alien granted blue card status without just cause, the Secretary shall credit the alien for the number of days or hours of work lost for purposes of the requirement of subsection (c)(1).

(v) **TREATMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES.**—The parties shall bear the cost of their own attorney's fees involved in the litigation of the complaint.

(vi) **NONEXCLUSIVE REMEDY.**—The complaint process provided for in this subparagraph is in addition to any other rights an employee may have in accordance with applicable law.

(vii) **EFFECT ON OTHER ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS.**—Any finding of fact or law, judgment, conclusion, or final order made by an arbitrator in the proceeding before the Secretary shall not be conclusive or binding in any separate or subsequent action or proceeding between the employee and the employee's current or prior employer brought before an arbitrator, administrative agency, court, or judge of any State or the United States, regardless of whether the prior action was between the same or related parties or involved the same facts, except that the arbitrator's specific finding of the number of days or hours of work lost by the employee as a result of the employment termination may be referred to the Secretary pursuant to clause (iv).

(C) **CIVIL PENALTIES.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Secretary finds, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that an employer of an alien granted blue card status has failed to provide the record of employment required under subsection (a)(5) or has provided a false statement of material fact in such a record, the employer shall be subject to a civil money penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation.

(ii) **LIMITATION.**—The penalty applicable under clause (i) for failure to provide records shall not apply unless the alien has provided the employer with evidence of employment authorization granted under this section.

(c) **ADJUSTMENT TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE.**—

(1) **AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall adjust the status of an alien granted blue card status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if the Secretary determines that the following requirements are satisfied:

(i) **QUALIFYING EMPLOYMENT.**—The alien has performed at least—

(I) 5 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 100 work days or 575 hours, but in no case less than 575 hours per year, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(II) 3 years of agricultural employment in the United States, for at least 150 work days or 863 hours, but in no case less than 863 hours per year, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(ii) **PROOF.**—An alien may demonstrate compliance with the requirement under clause (i) by submitting—

(I) the record of employment described in subsection (a)(5); or

(II) such documentation as may be submitted under subsection (d)(3).

(iii) **EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.**—In determining whether an alien has met the requirement under clause (i)(I), the Secretary may credit the alien with not more than 12 additional months to meet the requirement under clause (i) if the alien was unable to work in agricultural employment due to—

(I) pregnancy, injury, or disease, if the alien can establish such pregnancy, disabling injury, or disease through medical records;

(II) illness, disease, or other special needs of a minor child, if the alien can establish such illness, disease, or special needs through medical records; or

(III) severe weather conditions that prevented the alien from engaging in agricultural employment for a significant period of time.

(iv) **APPLICATION PERIOD.**—The alien applies for adjustment of status not later than 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(v) **FINE.**—The alien pays a fine to the Secretary in an amount equal to \$400.

(B) **GROUND FOR DENIAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—The Secretary may deny an alien adjustment to permanent resident status, and provide for termination of the blue card status granted such alien, if—

(i) the Secretary finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the adjustment to blue card status was the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation, as described in section 212(a)(6)(C)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(i)); or

(ii) the alien—

(I) commits an act that makes the alien inadmissible to the United States under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182), except as provided under subsection (e)(2);

(II) is convicted of a felony or 3 or more misdemeanors committed in the United States; or

(III) is convicted of a single misdemeanor for which the actual sentence served is 6 months or longer.

(C) **GROUND FOR REMOVAL.**—Any alien granted blue card status who does not apply for adjustment of status under this subsection before the expiration of the application period described in subparagraph (A)(iv), or who fails to meet the other requirements of subparagraph (A) by the end of the applicable period, is deportable and may be removed under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a).

(D) **PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than the date on which an alien's status is adjusted under this subsection, the alien shall establish the payment of all Federal income taxes owed for employment during the period of employment required under paragraph (1)(A) by establishing that—

(I) no such tax liability exists;

(II) all outstanding liabilities have been met; or

(III) the alien has entered into an agreement for payment of all outstanding liabilities with the Internal Revenue Service.

(ii) **IRS COOPERATION.**—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall provide documentation to an alien upon request to establish the payment of all income taxes required under this paragraph.

(2) **SPOUSES AND MINOR CHILDREN.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall confer the status of lawful permanent resident on the spouse and minor child of an alien granted status under paragraph (1), including any individual who was a minor child on the date such alien was granted blue card status, if the spouse or minor child applies for such status, or if the principal alien includes the spouse or minor child in an application for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident.

(B) **TREATMENT OF SPOUSES AND MINOR CHILDREN BEFORE ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—

(i) **REMOVAL.**—The spouse and any minor child of an alien granted blue card status may not be removed while such alien maintains such status, except as provided in subparagraph (C).

(ii) **TRAVEL.**—The spouse and any minor child of an alien granted blue card status may travel outside the United States in the same manner as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(iii) **EMPLOYMENT.**—The spouse of an alien granted blue card status may apply to the Secretary for a work permit to authorize such spouse to engage in any lawful employment in the United States while such alien maintains blue card status.

(C) **GROUND FOR DENIAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS AND REMOVAL.**—The Secretary may deny an alien spouse or child adjustment of status under subparagraph (A) and may remove such spouse or child under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a) if the spouse or child—

(i) commits an act that makes the alien spouse or child inadmissible to the United States under section 212 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182), except as provided under subsection (e)(2);

(ii) is convicted of a felony or 3 or more misdemeanors committed in the United States; or

(iii) is convicted of a single misdemeanor for which the actual sentence served is 6 months or longer.

(d) **APPLICATIONS.**—

(1) **TO WHOM MAY BE MADE.**—The Secretary shall provide that—

(A) applications for blue card status may be filed—

(i) with the Secretary, but only if the applicant is represented by an attorney or a non-profit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals under section 292.2 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations; or

(ii) with a qualified designated entity (designated under paragraph (2)), but only if the applicant consents to the forwarding of the application to the Secretary; and

(B) applications for adjustment of status under subsection (c) shall be filed directly with the Secretary.

(2) **DESIGNATION OF ENTITIES TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of receiving applications under subsection (a), the Secretary—

(i) shall designate qualified farm labor organizations and associations of employers; and

(ii) may designate such other persons as the Secretary determines are qualified and



have substantial experience, demonstrate competence, and have traditional long-term involvement in the preparation and submission of applications for adjustment of status under section 209, 210, or 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Public Law 89-732, Public Law 95-145, or the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

(B) REFERENCES.—Organizations, associations, and persons designated under subparagraph (A) are referred to in this subtitle as “qualified designated entities”.

(3) PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An alien may establish that the alien meets the requirement of subsection (a)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(A) through government employment records or records supplied by employers or collective bargaining organizations, and other reliable documentation as the alien may provide. The Secretary shall establish special procedures to properly credit work in cases in which an alien was employed under an assumed name.

(B) DOCUMENTATION OF WORK HISTORY.—

(i) BURDEN OF PROOF.—An alien applying for status under subsection (a)(1) or (c)(1) has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the alien has worked the requisite number of hours or days (as required under subsection (a)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(A)).

(ii) TIMELY PRODUCTION OF RECORDS.—If an employer or farm labor contractor employing such an alien has kept proper and adequate records respecting such employment, the alien's burden of proof under clause (i) may be met by securing timely production of those records under regulations to be promulgated by the Secretary.

(iii) SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.—An alien can meet the burden of proof under clause (i) to establish that the alien has performed the work described in subsection (a)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(A) by producing sufficient evidence to show the extent of that employment as a matter of just and reasonable inference.

(4) TREATMENT OF APPLICATIONS BY QUALIFIED DESIGNATED ENTITIES.—Each qualified designated entity shall agree to forward to the Secretary applications filed with it in accordance with paragraph (1)(A)(i)(II) but shall not forward to the Secretary applications filed with it unless the applicant has consented to such forwarding. No such entity may make a determination required by this section to be made by the Secretary. Upon the request of the alien, a qualified designated entity shall assist the alien in obtaining documentation of the work history of the alien.

(5) LIMITATION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—Files and records prepared for purposes of this subsection by qualified designated entities operating under this subsection are confidential and the Secretary shall not have access to such files or records relating to an alien without the consent of the alien, except as allowed by a court order issued pursuant to paragraph (6).

(6) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, neither the Secretary, nor any other official or employee of the Department, or a bureau or agency of the Department, may—

(i) use the information furnished by the applicant pursuant to an application filed under this section, the information provided to the applicant by a person designated under paragraph (2)(A), or any information provided by an employer or former employer, for any purpose other than to make a determination on the application, or for enforcement of paragraph (7);

(ii) make any publication whereby the information furnished by any particular individual can be identified; or

(iii) permit anyone other than the sworn officers and employees of the Department, or a bureau or agency of the Department, or, with respect to applications filed with a qualified designated entity, that qualified designated entity, to examine individual applications.

(B) REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.—The Secretary shall provide the information furnished under this section, or any other information derived from such furnished information, to—

(i) a duly recognized law enforcement entity in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution, if such information is requested in writing by such entity; or

(ii) an official coroner, for purposes of affirmatively identifying a deceased individual, whether or not the death of such individual resulted from a crime.

(C) CONSTRUCTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the use, or release, for immigration enforcement purposes or law enforcement purposes of information contained in files or records of the Department pertaining to an application filed under this section, other than information furnished by an applicant pursuant to the application, or any other information derived from the application, that is not available from any other source.

(ii) CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.—Information concerning whether the applicant has at any time been convicted of a crime may be used or released for immigration enforcement or law enforcement purposes.

(D) CRIME.—Any person who knowingly uses, publishes, or permits information to be examined in violation of this paragraph shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

(7) PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATIONS.—

(A) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Any person who—

(i) files an application for status under subsection (a) or (c) and knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact or makes any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; or

(ii) creates or supplies a false writing or document for use in making such an application,

shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(B) INADMISSIBILITY.—An alien who is convicted of a crime under subparagraph (A) shall be considered to be inadmissible to the United States on the ground described in section 212(a)(6)(C)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(6)(C)(i)).

(8) ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL SERVICES.—Section 504(a)(11) of Public Law 104-134 (110 Stat. 1321-53 et seq.) shall not be construed to prevent a recipient of funds under the Legal Services Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 2996 et seq.) from providing legal assistance directly related to an application for adjustment of status under this section.

(9) APPLICATION FEES.—

(A) FEE SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall provide for a schedule of fees that—

(i) shall be charged for the filing of applications for status under subsections (a) and (c); and

(ii) may be charged by qualified designated entities to help defray the costs of services provided to such applicants.

(B) PROHIBITION ON EXCESS FEES BY QUALIFIED DESIGNATED ENTITIES.—A qualified designated entity may not charge any fee in excess of, or in addition to, the fees authorized under subparagraph (A)(ii) for services provided to applicants.

(C) DISPOSITION OF FEES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account, which shall be known as the “Agricultural Worker Immigration Status Adjustment Account”. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be deposited as offsetting receipts into the account all fees collected under subparagraph (A)(i).

(ii) USE OF FEES FOR APPLICATION PROCESSING.—Amounts deposited in the “Agricultural Worker Immigration Status Adjustment Account” shall remain available to the Secretary until expended for processing applications for status under subsections (a) and (c).

(e) WAIVER OF NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS AND CERTAIN GROUNDS FOR INADMISSIBILITY.—

(1) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS DO NOT APPLY.—The numerical limitations of sections 201 and 202 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151 and 1152) shall not apply to the adjustment of aliens to lawful permanent resident status under this section.

(2) WAIVER OF CERTAIN GROUNDS OF INADMISSIBILITY.—In the determination of an alien's eligibility for status under subsection (a)(1)(C) or an alien's eligibility for adjustment of status under subsection (c)(1)(B)(ii)(I), the following rules shall apply:

(A) GROUNDS OF EXCLUSION NOT APPLICABLE.—The provisions of paragraphs (5), (6)(A), (7), and (9) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) shall not apply.

(B) WAIVER OF OTHER GROUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the Secretary may waive any other provision of such section 212(a) in the case of individual aliens for humanitarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or if otherwise in the public interest.

(ii) GROUNDS THAT MAY NOT BE WAIVED.—Paragraphs (2)(A), (2)(B), (2)(C), (3), and (4) of such section 212(a) may not be waived by the Secretary under clause (i).

(iii) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary other than under this subparagraph to waive provisions of such section 212(a).

(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC CHARGE.—An alien is not ineligible for status under this section by reason of a ground of inadmissibility under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(4)) if the alien demonstrates a history of employment in the United States evidencing self-support without reliance on public cash assistance.

(f) TEMPORARY STAY OF REMOVAL AND WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS.—

(1) BEFORE APPLICATION PERIOD.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide that, in the case of an alien who is apprehended before the beginning of the application period described in subsection (a)(1)(B) and who can establish a nonfrivolous case of eligibility for blue card status (but for the fact that the alien may not apply for such status until the beginning of such period), until the alien has had the opportunity during the first 30 days of the application period to complete the filing of an application for blue card status, the alien—

(A) may not be removed; and

(B) shall be granted authorization to engage in employment in the United States and be provided an “employment authorized” endorsement or other appropriate work permit for such purpose.

(2) DURING APPLICATION PERIOD.—The Secretary shall provide that, in the case of an



alien who presents a nonfrivolous application for blue card status during the application period described in subsection (a)(1)(B), including an alien who files such an application within 30 days of the alien's apprehension, and until a final determination on the application has been made in accordance with this section, the alien—

(A) may not be removed; and

(B) shall be granted authorization to engage in employment in the United States and be provided an "employment authorized" endorsement or other appropriate work permit for such purpose.

(g) ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be no administrative or judicial review of a determination respecting an application for status under subsection (a) or (c) except in accordance with this subsection.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—

(A) SINGLE LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPELLATE REVIEW.—The Secretary shall establish an appellate authority to provide for a single level of administrative appellate review of such a determination.

(B) STANDARD FOR REVIEW.—Such administrative appellate review shall be based solely upon the administrative record established at the time of the determination on the application and upon such additional or newly discovered evidence as may not have been available at the time of the determination.

(3) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(A) LIMITATION TO REVIEW OF REMOVAL.—There shall be judicial review of such a determination only in the judicial review of an order of removal under section 242 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1252).

(B) STANDARD FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Such judicial review shall be based solely upon the administrative record established at the time of the review by the appellate authority and the findings of fact and determinations contained in such record shall be conclusive unless the applicant can establish abuse of discretion or that the findings are directly contrary to clear and convincing facts contained in the record considered as a whole.

(h) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than the first day of the application period described in subsection (a)(1)(B), the Secretary, in cooperation with qualified designated entities, shall broadly disseminate information respecting the benefits that aliens may receive under this section and the requirements to be satisfied to obtain such benefits.

(i) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue regulations to implement this section not later than the first day of the seventh month that begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

(j) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on the date that regulations are issued implementing this section on an interim or other basis.

(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

#### SEC. 614. CORRECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 208(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 408(d)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "or" at the end;

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

"(D) who is granted blue card status under the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act of 2006,"; and

(4) by striking "1990." and inserting "1990, or in the case of an alien described in subparagraph (D), if such conduct is alleged to have occurred before the date on which the alien was granted blue card status."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### CHAPTER 2—REFORM OF H-2A WORKER PROGRAM

##### SEC. 615. AMENDMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title II (8 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking section 218 and inserting the following:

##### "SEC. 218. H-2A EMPLOYER APPLICATIONS.

"(a) APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—No alien may be admitted to the United States as an H-2A worker, or otherwise provided status as an H-2A worker, unless the employer has filed with the Secretary of Labor an application containing—

"(A) the assurances described in subsection (b);

"(B) a description of the nature and location of the work to be performed;

"(C) the anticipated period (expected beginning and ending dates) for which the workers will be needed; and

"(D) the number of job opportunities in which the employer seeks to employ the workers.

"(2) ACCOMPANIED BY JOB OFFER.—Each application filed under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by a copy of the job offer describing the wages and other terms and conditions of employment and the bona fide occupational qualifications that shall be possessed by a worker to be employed in the job opportunity in question.

"(b) ASSURANCES FOR INCLUSION IN APPLICATIONS.—The assurances referred to in subsection (a)(1) are the following:

"(1) JOB OPPORTUNITIES COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—With respect to a job opportunity that is covered under a collective bargaining agreement:

"(A) UNION CONTRACT DESCRIBED.—The job opportunity is covered by a union contract which was negotiated at arm's length between a bona fide union and the employer.

"(B) STRIKE OR LOCKOUT.—The specific job opportunity for which the employer is requesting an H-2A worker is not vacant because the former occupant is on strike or being locked out in the course of a labor dispute.

"(C) NOTIFICATION OF BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES.—The employer, at the time of filing the application, has provided notice of the filing under this paragraph to the bargaining representative of the employer's employees in the occupational classification at the place or places of employment for which aliens are sought.

"(D) TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.—The job opportunity is temporary or seasonal.

"(E) OFFERS TO UNITED STATES WORKERS.—The employer has offered or will offer the job to any eligible United States worker who applies and is equally or better qualified for the job for which the nonimmigrant is, or the nonimmigrants are, sought and who will be available at the time and place of need.

"(F) PROVISION OF INSURANCE.—If the job opportunity is not covered by the State workers' compensation law, the employer will provide, at no cost to the worker, insurance covering injury and disease arising out of, and in the course of, the worker's employment which will provide benefits at least

equal to those provided under the State's workers' compensation law for comparable employment.

"(2) JOB OPPORTUNITIES NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—With respect to a job opportunity that is not covered under a collective bargaining agreement:

"(A) STRIKE OR LOCKOUT.—The specific job opportunity for which the employer is requesting an H-2A worker is not vacant because the former occupant is on strike or being locked out in the course of a labor dispute.

"(B) TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.—The job opportunity is temporary or seasonal.

"(C) BENEFIT, WAGE, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.—The employer will provide, at a minimum, the benefits, wages, and working conditions required by section 218E to all workers employed in the job opportunities for which the employer has applied under subsection (a) and to all other workers in the same occupation at the place of employment.

"(D) NONDISPLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—The employer did not displace and will not displace a United States worker employed by the employer during the period of employment and for a period of 30 days preceding the period of employment in the occupation at the place of employment for which the employer seeks approval to employ H-2A workers.

"(E) REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENT OF NON-IMMIGRANT WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS.—The employer will not place the nonimmigrant with another employer unless—

"(i) the nonimmigrant performs duties in whole or in part at 1 or more work sites owned, operated, or controlled by such other employer;

"(ii) there are indicia of an employment relationship between the nonimmigrant and such other employer; and

"(iii) the employer has inquired of the other employer as to whether, and has no actual knowledge or notice that, during the period of employment and for a period of 30 days preceding the period of employment, the other employer has displaced or intends to displace a United States worker employed by the other employer in the occupation at the place of employment for which the employer seeks approval to employ H-2A workers.

"(F) STATEMENT OF LIABILITY.—The application form shall include a clear statement explaining the liability under subparagraph (E) of an employer if the other employer described in such subparagraph displaces a United States worker as described in such subparagraph.

"(G) PROVISION OF INSURANCE.—If the job opportunity is not covered by the State workers' compensation law, the employer will provide, at no cost to the worker, insurance covering injury and disease arising out of and in the course of the worker's employment which will provide benefits at least equal to those provided under the State's workers' compensation law for comparable employment.

"(H) EMPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—

"(i) RECRUITMENT.—The employer has taken or will take the following steps to recruit United States workers for the job opportunities for which the H-2A nonimmigrant is, or H-2A nonimmigrants are, sought:

"(I) CONTACTING FORMER WORKERS.—The employer shall make reasonable efforts through the sending of a letter by United States Postal Service mail, or otherwise, to contact any United States worker the employer employed during the previous season



in the occupation at the place of intended employment for which the employer is applying for workers and has made the availability of the employer's job opportunities in the occupation at the place of intended employment known to such previous workers, unless the worker was terminated from employment by the employer for a lawful job-related reason or abandoned the job before the worker completed the period of employment of the job opportunity for which the worker was hired.

“(II) FILING A JOB OFFER WITH THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCY.—Not later than 28 days before the date on which the employer desires to employ an H-2A worker in a temporary or seasonal agricultural job opportunity, the employer shall submit a copy of the job offer described in subsection (a)(2) to the local office of the State employment security agency which serves the area of intended employment and authorize the posting of the job opportunity on ‘America’s Job Bank’ or other electronic job registry, except that nothing in this subclause shall require the employer to file an interstate job order under section 653 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.

“(III) ADVERTISING OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES.—Not later than 14 days before the date on which the employer desires to employ an H-2A worker in a temporary or seasonal agricultural job opportunity, the employer shall advertise the availability of the job opportunities for which the employer is seeking workers in a publication in the local labor market that is likely to be patronized by potential farm workers.

“(IV) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Labor shall, by regulation, provide a procedure for acceptance and approval of applications in which the employer has not complied with the provisions of this subparagraph because the employer's need for H-2A workers could not reasonably have been foreseen.

“(i) JOB OFFERS.—The employer has offered or will offer the job to any eligible United States worker who applies and is equally or better qualified for the job for which the nonimmigrant is, or nonimmigrants are, sought and who will be available at the time and place of need.

“(iii) PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.—The employer will provide employment to any qualified United States worker who applies to the employer during the period beginning on the date on which the foreign worker departs for the employer's place of employment and ending on the date on which 50 percent of the period of employment for which the foreign worker who is in the job was hired has elapsed, subject to the following requirements:

“(I) PROHIBITION.—No person or entity shall willfully and knowingly withhold United States workers before the arrival of H-2A workers in order to force the hiring of United States workers under this clause.

“(II) COMPLAINTS.—Upon receipt of a complaint by an employer that a violation of subclause (I) has occurred, the Secretary of Labor shall immediately investigate. The Secretary of Labor shall, within 36 hours of the receipt of the complaint, issue findings concerning the alleged violation. If the Secretary of Labor finds that a violation has occurred, the Secretary of Labor shall immediately suspend the application of this clause with respect to that certification for that date of need.

“(III) PLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—Before referring a United States worker to an employer during the period described in the matter preceding subclause (I), the Secretary of Labor shall make all reasonable efforts to place the United States worker in an open job acceptable to the

worker, if there are other job offers pending with the job service that offer similar job opportunities in the area of intended employment.

“(iv) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to prohibit an employer from using such legitimate selection criteria relevant to the type of job that are normal or customary to the type of job involved so long as such criteria are not applied in a discriminatory manner.

“(c) APPLICATIONS BY ASSOCIATIONS ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYER MEMBERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An agricultural association may file an application under subsection (a) on behalf of 1 or more of its employer members that the association certifies in its application has or have agreed in writing to comply with the requirements of this section and sections 218E through 218G.

“(2) TREATMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS ACTING AS EMPLOYERS.—If an association filing an application under paragraph (1) is a joint or sole employer of the temporary or seasonal agricultural workers requested on the application, the certifications granted under subsection (e)(2)(B) to the association may be used for the certified job opportunities of any of its producer members named on the application, and such workers may be transferred among such producer members to perform the agricultural services of a temporary or seasonal nature for which the certifications were granted.

“(d) WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An employer may withdraw an application filed pursuant to subsection (a), except that if the employer is an agricultural association, the association may withdraw an application filed pursuant to subsection (a) with respect to 1 or more of its members. To withdraw an application, the employer or association shall notify the Secretary of Labor in writing, and the Secretary of Labor shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of such withdrawal notice. An employer who withdraws an application under subsection (a), or on whose behalf an application is withdrawn, is relieved of the obligations undertaken in the application.

“(2) LIMITATION.—An application may not be withdrawn while any alien provided status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) pursuant to such application is employed by the employer.

“(3) OBLIGATIONS UNDER OTHER STATUTES.—Any obligation incurred by an employer under any other law or regulation as a result of the recruitment of United States workers or H-2A workers under an offer of terms and conditions of employment required as a result of making an application under subsection (a) is unaffected by withdrawal of such application.

“(e) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS.—

“(1) RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYERS.—The employer shall make available for public examination, within 1 working day after the date on which an application under subsection (a) is filed, at the employer's principal place of business or work site, a copy of each such application (and such accompanying documents as are necessary).

“(2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.—

“(A) COMPILATION OF LIST.—The Secretary of Labor shall compile, on a current basis, a list (by employer and by occupational classification) of the applications filed under this subsection. Such list shall include the wage rate, number of workers sought, period of intended employment, and date of need. The Secretary of Labor shall make such list available for examination in the District of Columbia.

“(B) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor shall review such an applica-

tion only for completeness and obvious inaccuracies. Unless the Secretary of Labor finds that the application is incomplete or obviously inaccurate, the Secretary of Labor shall certify that the intending employer has filed with the Secretary of Labor an application as described in subsection (a). Such certification shall be provided within 7 days of the filing of the application.”; and

(2) by inserting after section 218D, as added by section 601 of this Act, the following:

“SEC. 218E. H-2A EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS.

“(a) PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF ALIENS PROHIBITED.—Employers seeking to hire United States workers shall offer the United States workers no less than the same benefits, wages, and working conditions that the employer is offering, intends to offer, or will provide to H-2A workers. Conversely, no job offer may impose on United States workers any restrictions or obligations which will not be imposed on the employer's H-2A workers.

“(b) MINIMUM BENEFITS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.—Except in cases where higher benefits, wages, or working conditions are required by the provisions of subsection (a), in order to protect similarly employed United States workers from adverse effects with respect to benefits, wages, and working conditions, every job offer which shall accompany an application under section 218(b)(2) shall include each of the following benefit, wage, and working condition provisions:

“(1) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE HOUSING OR A HOUSING ALLOWANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer applying under section 218(a) for H-2A workers shall offer to provide housing at no cost to all workers in job opportunities for which the employer has applied under that section and to all other workers in the same occupation at the place of employment, whose place of residence is beyond normal commuting distance.

“(B) TYPE OF HOUSING.—In complying with subparagraph (A), an employer may, at the employer's election, provide housing that meets applicable Federal standards for temporary labor camps or secure housing that meets applicable local standards for rental or public accommodation housing or other substantially similar class of habitation, or in the absence of applicable local standards, State standards for rental or public accommodation housing or other substantially similar class of habitation. In the absence of applicable local or State standards, Federal temporary labor camp standards shall apply.

“(C) FAMILY HOUSING.—When it is the prevailing practice in the occupation and area of intended employment to provide family housing, family housing shall be provided to workers with families who request it.

“(D) WORKERS ENGAGED IN THE RANGE PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK.—The Secretary of Labor shall issue regulations that address the specific requirements for the provision of housing to workers engaged in the range production of livestock.

“(E) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require an employer to provide or secure housing for persons who were not entitled to such housing under the temporary labor certification regulations in effect on June 1, 1986.

“(F) CHARGES FOR HOUSING.—

“(i) CHARGES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.—If public housing provided for migrant agricultural workers under the auspices of a local, county, or State government is secured by an employer, and use of the public housing unit normally requires charges from migrant workers, such charges shall be paid by the employer directly to the appropriate individual or entity affiliated with the housing's management.



“(ii) DEPOSIT CHARGES.—Charges in the form of deposits for bedding or other similar incidentals related to housing shall not be levied upon workers by employers who provide housing for their workers. An employer may require a worker found to have been responsible for damage to such housing which is not the result of normal wear and tear related to habitation to reimburse the employer for the reasonable cost of repair of such damage.

“(G) HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS ALTERNATIVE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If the requirement under clause (ii) is satisfied, the employer may provide a reasonable housing allowance instead of offering housing under subparagraph (A). Upon the request of a worker seeking assistance in locating housing, the employer shall make a good faith effort to assist the worker in identifying and locating housing in the area of intended employment. An employer who offers a housing allowance to a worker, or assists a worker in locating housing which the worker occupies, pursuant to this clause shall not be deemed a housing provider under section 203 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1823) solely by virtue of providing such housing allowance. No housing allowance may be used for housing which is owned or controlled by the employer.

“(ii) CERTIFICATION.—The requirement of this clause is satisfied if the Governor of the State certifies to the Secretary of Labor that there is adequate housing available in the area of intended employment for migrant farm workers, and H-2A workers, who are seeking temporary housing while employed at farm work. Such certification shall expire after 3 years unless renewed by the Governor of the State.

“(iii) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE.—

“(I) NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES.—If the place of employment of the workers provided an allowance under this subparagraph is a nonmetropolitan county, the amount of the housing allowance under this subparagraph shall be equal to the statewide average fair market rental for existing housing for nonmetropolitan counties for the State, as established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to section 8(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(c)), based on a 2 bedroom dwelling unit and an assumption of 2 persons per bedroom.

“(II) METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.—If the place of employment of the workers provided an allowance under this paragraph is in a metropolitan county, the amount of the housing allowance under this subparagraph shall be equal to the statewide average fair market rental for existing housing for metropolitan counties for the State, as established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to section 8(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(c)), based on a 2-bedroom dwelling unit and an assumption of 2 persons per bedroom.

“(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—

“(A) TO PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.—A worker who completes 50 percent of the period of employment of the job opportunity for which the worker was hired shall be reimbursed by the employer for the cost of the worker's transportation and subsistence from the place from which the worker came to work for the employer (or place of last employment, if the worker traveled from such place) to the place of employment.

“(B) FROM PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.—A worker who completes the period of employment for the job opportunity involved shall be reimbursed by the employer for the cost of the worker's transportation and subsistence from the place of employment to the place from which the worker, disregarding

intervening employment, came to work for the employer, or to the place of next employment, if the worker has contracted with a subsequent employer who has not agreed to provide or pay for the worker's transportation and subsistence to such subsequent employer's place of employment.

“(C) LIMITATION.—

“(i) AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the amount of reimbursement provided under subparagraph (A) or (B) to a worker or alien shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(I) the actual cost to the worker or alien of the transportation and subsistence involved; or

“(II) the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges and subsistence costs for the distance involved.

“(ii) DISTANCE TRAVELED.—No reimbursement under subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be required if the distance traveled is 100 miles or less, or the worker is not residing in employer-provided housing or housing secured through an allowance as provided in paragraph (1)(G).

“(D) EARLY TERMINATION.—If the worker is laid off or employment is terminated for contract impossibility (as described in paragraph (4)(D)) before the anticipated ending date of employment, the employer shall provide the transportation and subsistence required by subparagraph (B) and, notwithstanding whether the worker has completed 50 percent of the period of employment, shall provide the transportation reimbursement required by subparagraph (A).

“(E) TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN LIVING QUARTERS AND WORK SITE.—The employer shall provide transportation between the worker's living quarters and the employer's work site without cost to the worker, and such transportation will be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

“(3) REQUIRED WAGES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An employer applying for workers under section 218(a) shall offer to pay, and shall pay, all workers in the occupation for which the employer has applied for workers, not less (and is not required to pay more) than the greater of the prevailing wage in the occupation in the area of intended employment or the adverse effect wage rate. No worker shall be paid less than the greater of the hourly wage prescribed under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) or the applicable State minimum wage.

“(B) LIMITATION.—Effective on the date of the enactment of the Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2006 and continuing for 3 years thereafter, no adverse effect wage rate for a State may be more than the adverse effect wage rate for that State in effect on January 1, 2003, as established by section 655.107 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.

“(C) REQUIRED WAGES AFTER 3-YEAR FREEZE.—

“(i) FIRST ADJUSTMENT.—If Congress does not set a new wage standard applicable to this section before the first March 1 that is not less than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section, the adverse effect wage rate for each State beginning on such March 1 shall be the wage rate that would have resulted if the adverse effect wage rate in effect on January 1, 2003, had been annually adjusted, beginning on March 1, 2006, by the lesser of—

“(I) the 12 month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers between December of the second preceding year and December of the preceding year; and

“(II) 4 percent.

“(ii) SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS.—Beginning on the first March 1 that is not

less than 4 years after the date of enactment of this section, and each March 1 thereafter, the adverse effect wage rate then in effect for each State shall be adjusted by the lesser of—

“(I) the 12 month percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers between December of the second preceding year and December of the preceding year; and

“(II) 4 percent.

“(D) DEDUCTIONS.—The employer shall make only those deductions from the worker's wages that are authorized by law or are reasonable and customary in the occupation and area of employment. The job offer shall specify all deductions not required by law which the employer will make from the worker's wages.

“(E) FREQUENCY OF PAY.—The employer shall pay the worker not less frequently than twice monthly, or in accordance with the prevailing practice in the area of employment, whichever is more frequent.

“(F) HOURS AND EARNINGS STATEMENTS.—The employer shall furnish to the worker, on or before each payday, in 1 or more written statements—

“(i) the worker's total earnings for the pay period;

“(ii) the worker's hourly rate of pay, piece rate of pay, or both;

“(iii) the hours of employment which have been offered to the worker (broken out by hours offered in accordance with and over and above the three-quarters guarantee described in paragraph (4);

“(iv) the hours actually worked by the worker;

“(v) an itemization of the deductions made from the worker's wages; and

“(vi) if piece rates of pay are used, the units produced daily.

“(G) REPORT ON WAGE PROTECTIONS.—Not later than December 31, 2008, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary of Labor, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, a report that addresses—

“(i) whether the employment of H-2A or unauthorized aliens in the United States agricultural work force has depressed United States farm worker wages below the levels that would otherwise have prevailed if alien farm workers had not been employed in the United States;

“(ii) whether an adverse effect wage rate is necessary to prevent wages of United States farm workers in occupations in which H-2A workers are employed from falling below the wage levels that would have prevailed in the absence of the employment of H-2A workers in those occupations;

“(iii) whether alternative wage standards, such as a prevailing wage standard, would be sufficient to prevent wages in occupations in which H-2A workers are employed from falling below the wage level that would have prevailed in the absence of H-2A employment;

“(iv) whether any changes are warranted in the current methodologies for calculating the adverse effect wage rate and the prevailing wage; and

“(v) recommendations for future wage protection under this section.

“(H) COMMISSION ON WAGE STANDARDS.—

“(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Commission on Agricultural Wage Standards under the H-2A program (in this subparagraph referred to as the ‘Commission’).

“(ii) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall consist of 10 members as follows:



“(I) 4 representatives of agricultural employers and 1 representative of the Department of Agriculture, each appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(II) 4 representatives of agricultural workers and 1 representative of the Department of Labor, each appointed by the Secretary of Labor.

“(iii) FUNCTIONS.—The Commission shall conduct a study that shall address—

“(I) whether the employment of H-2A or unauthorized aliens in the United States agricultural workforce has depressed United States farm worker wages below the levels that would otherwise have prevailed if alien farm workers had not been employed in the United States;

“(II) whether an adverse effect wage rate is necessary to prevent wages of United States farm workers in occupations in which H-2A workers are employed from falling below the wage levels that would have prevailed in the absence of the employment of H-2A workers in those occupations;

“(III) whether alternative wage standards, such as a prevailing wage standard, would be sufficient to prevent wages in occupations in which H-2A workers are employed from falling below the wage level that would have prevailed in the absence of H-2A employment;

“(IV) whether any changes are warranted in the current methodologies for calculating the adverse effect wage rate and the prevailing wage rate; and

“(V) recommendations for future wage protection under this section.

“(iv) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2008, the Commission shall submit a report to the Congress setting forth the findings of the study conducted under clause (iii).

“(v) TERMINATION DATE.—The Commission shall terminate upon submitting its final report.

“(4) GUARANTEE OF EMPLOYMENT.—

“(A) OFFER TO WORKER.—The employer shall guarantee to offer the worker employment for the hourly equivalent of at least three-fourths of the work days of the total period of employment, beginning with the first work day after the arrival of the worker at the place of employment and ending on the expiration date specified in the job offer. For purposes of this subparagraph, the hourly equivalent means the number of hours in the work days as stated in the job offer and shall exclude the worker's Sabbath and Federal holidays. If the employer affords the United States or H-2A worker less employment than that required under this paragraph, the employer shall pay such worker the amount which the worker would have earned had the worker, in fact, worked for the guaranteed number of hours.

“(B) FAILURE TO WORK.—Any hours which the worker fails to work, up to a maximum of the number of hours specified in the job offer for a work day, when the worker has been offered an opportunity to do so, and all hours of work actually performed (including voluntary work in excess of the number of hours specified in the job offer in a work day, on the worker's Sabbath, or on Federal holidays) may be counted by the employer in calculating whether the period of guaranteed employment has been met.

“(C) ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TERMINATION FOR CAUSE.—If the worker voluntarily abandons employment before the end of the contract period, or is terminated for cause, the worker is not entitled to the ‘three-fourths guarantee’ described in subparagraph (A).

“(D) CONTRACT IMPOSSIBILITY.—If, before the expiration of the period of employment specified in the job offer, the services of the worker are no longer required for reasons be-

yond the control of the employer due to any form of natural disaster, including but not limited to a flood, hurricane, freeze, earthquake, fire, drought, plant or animal disease or pest infestation, or regulatory drought, before the guarantee in subparagraph (A) is fulfilled, the employer may terminate the worker's employment. In the event of such termination, the employer shall fulfill the employment guarantee in subparagraph (A) for the work days that have elapsed from the first work day after the arrival of the worker to the termination of employment. In such cases, the employer will make efforts to transfer the United States worker to other comparable employment acceptable to the worker. If such transfer is not effected, the employer shall provide the return transportation required in paragraph (2)(D).

“(5) MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY.—

“(A) MODE OF TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT TO COVERAGE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clauses (iii) and (iv), this subsection applies to any H-2A employer that uses or causes to be used any vehicle to transport an H-2A worker within the United States.

“(ii) DEFINED TERM.—In this paragraph, the term ‘uses or causes to be used’—

“(I) applies only to transportation provided by an H-2A employer to an H-2A worker, or by a farm labor contractor to an H-2A worker at the request or direction of an H-2A employer; and

“(II) does not apply to—

“(aa) transportation provided, or transportation arrangements made, by an H-2A worker, unless the employer specifically requested or arranged such transportation; or

“(bb) car pooling arrangements made by H-2A workers themselves, using 1 of the workers' own vehicles, unless specifically requested by the employer directly or through a farm labor contractor.

“(iii) CLARIFICATION.—Providing a job offer to an H-2A worker that causes the worker to travel to or from the place of employment, or the payment or reimbursement of the transportation costs of an H-2A worker by an H-2A employer, shall not constitute an arrangement of, or participation in, such transportation.

“(iv) AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT EXCLUDED.—This subsection does not apply to the transportation of an H-2A worker on a tractor, combine, harvester, picker, or other similar machinery or equipment while such worker is actually engaged in the planting, cultivating, or harvesting of agricultural commodities or the care of livestock or poultry or engaged in transportation incidental thereto.

“(v) COMMON CARRIERS EXCLUDED.—This subsection does not apply to common carrier motor vehicle transportation in which the provider holds itself out to the general public as engaging in the transportation of passengers for hire and holds a valid certification of authorization for such purposes from an appropriate Federal, State, or local agency.

“(B) APPLICABILITY OF STANDARDS, LICENSING, AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—When using, or causing to be used, any vehicle for the purpose of providing transportation to which this subparagraph applies, each employer shall—

“(I) ensure that each such vehicle conforms to the standards prescribed by the Secretary of Labor under section 401(b) of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1841(b)) and other applicable Federal and State safety standards;

“(II) ensure that each driver has a valid and appropriate license, as provided by State law, to operate the vehicle; and

“(III) have an insurance policy or a liability bond that is in effect which insures the employer against liability for damage to persons or property arising from the ownership, operation, or causing to be operated, of any vehicle used to transport any H-2A worker.

“(ii) AMOUNT OF INSURANCE REQUIRED.—The level of insurance required shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to regulations to be issued under this subsection.

“(iii) EFFECT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE.—If the employer of any H-2A worker provides workers' compensation coverage for such worker in the case of bodily injury or death as provided by State law, the following adjustments in the requirements of subparagraph (B)(i)(III) relating to having an insurance policy or liability bond apply:

“(I) No insurance policy or liability bond shall be required of the employer, if such workers are transported only under circumstances for which there is coverage under such State law.

“(II) An insurance policy or liability bond shall be required of the employer for circumstances under which coverage for the transportation of such workers is not provided under such State law.

“(c) COMPLIANCE WITH LABOR LAWS.—An employer shall assure that, except as otherwise provided in this section, the employer will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local labor laws, including laws affecting migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, with respect to all United States workers and alien workers employed by the employer, except that a violation of this assurance shall not constitute a violation of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

“(d) COPY OF JOB OFFER.—The employer shall provide to the worker, not later than the day the work commences, a copy of the employer's application and job offer described in section 218(a), or, if the employer will require the worker to enter into a separate employment contract covering the employment in question, such separate employment contract.

“(e) RANGE PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK.—Nothing in this section, section 218, or section 218F shall preclude the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary from continuing to apply special procedures and requirements to the admission and employment of aliens in occupations involving the range production of livestock.

#### “SEC. 218F. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION AND EXTENSION OF STAY OF H-2A WORKERS.

“(a) PETITIONING FOR ADMISSION.—An employer, or an association acting as an agent or joint employer for its members, that seeks the admission into the United States of an H-2A worker may file a petition with the Secretary. The petition shall be accompanied by an accepted and currently valid certification provided by the Secretary of Labor under section 218(e)(2)(B) covering the petitioner.

“(b) EXPEDITED ADJUDICATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish a procedure for expedited adjudication of petitions filed under subsection (a) and within 7 working days shall, by fax, cable, or other means assuring expedited delivery, transmit a copy of notice of action on the petition to the petitioner and, in the case of approved petitions, to the appropriate immigration officer at the port of entry or United States consulate (as the case may be) where the petitioner has indicated that the alien beneficiary (or beneficiaries) will apply for a visa or admission to the United States.

“(c) CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIBILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An H-2A worker shall be considered admissible to the United States if



the alien is otherwise admissible under this section, section 218, and section 218E, and the alien is not ineligible under paragraph (2).

“(2) **DISQUALIFICATION.**—An alien shall be considered inadmissible to the United States and ineligible for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) if the alien has, at any time during the past 5 years—

“(A) violated a material provision of this section, including the requirement to promptly depart the United States when the alien’s authorized period of admission under this section has expired; or

“(B) otherwise violated a term or condition of admission into the United States as a nonimmigrant, including overstaying the period of authorized admission as such a nonimmigrant.

“(3) **WAIVER OF INELIGIBILITY FOR UNLAWFUL PRESENCE.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien who has not previously been admitted into the United States pursuant to this section, and who is otherwise eligible for admission in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2), shall not be deemed inadmissible by virtue of section 212(a)(9)(B). If an alien described in the preceding sentence is present in the United States, the alien may apply from abroad for H-2A status, but may not be granted that status in the United States.

“(B) **MAINTENANCE OF WAIVER.**—An alien provided an initial waiver of ineligibility pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall remain eligible for such waiver unless the alien violates the terms of this section or again becomes ineligible under section 212(a)(9)(B) by virtue of unlawful presence in the United States after the date of the initial waiver of ineligibility pursuant to subparagraph (A).

“(d) **PERIOD OF ADMISSION.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The alien shall be admitted for the period of employment in the application certified by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to section 218(e)(2)(B), not to exceed 10 months, supplemented by a period of not more than 1 week before the beginning of the period of employment for the purpose of travel to the work site and a period of 14 days following the period of employment for the purpose of departure or extension based on a subsequent offer of employment, except that—

“(A) the alien is not authorized to be employed during such 14-day period except in the employment for which the alien was previously authorized; and

“(B) the total period of employment, including such 14-day period, may not exceed 10 months.

“(2) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection shall limit the authority of the Secretary to extend the stay of the alien under any other provision of this Act.

“(e) **ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien admitted or provided status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) who abandons the employment which was the basis for such admission or status shall be considered to have failed to maintain nonimmigrant status as an H-2A worker and shall depart the United States or be subject to removal under section 237(a)(1)(C)(i).

“(2) **REPORT BY EMPLOYER.**—The employer, or association acting as agent for the employer, shall notify the Secretary not later than 7 days after an H-2A worker prematurely abandons employment.

“(3) **REMOVAL BY THE SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall promptly remove from the United States any H-2A worker who violates any term or condition of the worker’s nonimmigrant status.

“(4) **VOLUNTARY TERMINATION.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an alien may voluntarily terminate his or her employment if

the alien promptly departs the United States upon termination of such employment.

“(f) **REPLACEMENT OF ALIEN.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Upon presentation of the notice to the Secretary required by subsection (e)(2), the Secretary of State shall promptly issue a visa to, and the Secretary shall admit into the United States, an eligible alien designated by the employer to replace an H-2A worker—

“(A) who abandons or prematurely terminates employment; or

“(B) whose employment is terminated after a United States worker is employed pursuant to section 218(b)(2)(H)(iii), if the United States worker voluntarily departs before the end of the period of intended employment or if the employment termination is for a lawful job-related reason.

“(2) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection is intended to limit any preference required to be accorded United States workers under any other provision of this Act.

“(g) **IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each alien authorized to be admitted under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) shall be provided an identification and employment eligibility document to verify eligibility for employment in the United States and verify such person’s proper identity.

“(2) **REQUIREMENTS.**—No identification and employment eligibility document may be issued which does not meet the following requirements:

“(A) The document shall be capable of reliably determining whether—

“(i) the individual with the identification and employment eligibility document whose eligibility is being verified is in fact eligible for employment;

“(ii) the individual whose eligibility is being verified is claiming the identity of another person; and

“(iii) the individual whose eligibility is being verified is authorized to be admitted into, and employed in, the United States as an H-2A worker.

“(B) The document shall be in a form that is resistant to counterfeiting and to tampering.

“(C) The document shall—

“(i) be compatible with other databases of the Secretary for the purpose of excluding aliens from benefits for which they are not eligible and determining whether the alien is unlawfully present in the United States; and

“(ii) be compatible with law enforcement databases to determine if the alien has been convicted of criminal offenses.

“(h) **EXTENSION OF STAY OF H-2A ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES.**—

“(1) **EXTENSION OF STAY.**—If an employer seeks approval to employ an H-2A alien who is lawfully present in the United States, the petition filed by the employer or an association pursuant to subsection (a), shall request an extension of the alien’s stay and a change in the alien’s employment.

“(2) **LIMITATION ON FILING A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY.**—A petition may not be filed for an extension of an alien’s stay—

“(A) for a period of more than 10 months; or

“(B) to a date that is more than 3 years after the date of the alien’s last admission to the United States under this section.

“(3) **WORK AUTHORIZATION UPON FILING A PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF STAY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien who is lawfully present in the United States may commence the employment described in a petition under paragraph (1) on the date on which the petition is filed.

“(B) **DEFINITION.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘file’ means sending the petition by certified mail via the United States Postal Service, return receipt requested, or delivered by guaranteed commer-

cial delivery which will provide the employer with a documented acknowledgment of the date of receipt of the petition.

“(C) **HANDLING OF PETITION.**—The employer shall provide a copy of the employer’s petition to the alien, who shall keep the petition with the alien’s identification and employment eligibility document as evidence that the petition has been filed and that the alien is authorized to work in the United States.

“(D) **APPROVAL OF PETITION.**—Upon approval of a petition for an extension of stay or change in the alien’s authorized employment, the Secretary shall provide a new or updated employment eligibility document to the alien indicating the new validity date, after which the alien is not required to retain a copy of the petition.

“(4) **LIMITATION ON EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ALIENS WITHOUT VALID IDENTIFICATION AND EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENT.**—An expired identification and employment eligibility document, together with a copy of a petition for extension of stay or change in the alien’s authorized employment that complies with the requirements of paragraph (1), shall constitute a valid work authorization document for a period of not more than 60 days beginning on the date on which such petition is filed, after which time only a currently valid identification and employment eligibility document shall be acceptable.

“(5) **LIMITATION ON AN INDIVIDUAL’S STAY IN STATUS.**—

“(A) **MAXIMUM PERIOD.**—The maximum continuous period of authorized status as an H-2A worker (including any extensions) is 3 years.

“(B) **REQUIREMENT TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), in the case of an alien outside the United States whose period of authorized status as an H-2A worker (including any extensions) has expired, the alien may not again apply for admission to the United States as an H-2A worker unless the alien has remained outside the United States for a continuous period equal to at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  the duration of the alien’s previous period of authorized status as an H-2A worker (including any extensions).

“(ii) **EXCEPTION.**—Clause (i) shall not apply in the case of an alien if the alien’s period of authorized status as an H-2A worker (including any extensions) was for a period of not more than 10 months and such alien has been outside the United States for at least 2 months during the 12 months preceding the date the alien again is applying for admission to the United States as an H-2A worker.

“(i) **SPECIAL RULES FOR ALIENS EMPLOYED AS SHEEPHERDERS, GOAT HERDERS, OR DAIRY WORKERS.**—Notwithstanding any provision of the Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2006, an alien admitted under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) for employment as a shepherd, goat herder, or dairy worker—

“(1) may be admitted for an initial period of 12 months;

“(2) subject to subsection (j)(5), may have such initial period of admission extended for a period of up to 3 years; and

“(3) shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection (h)(5) (relating to periods of absence from the United States).

“(j) **ADJUSTMENT TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ALIENS EMPLOYED AS SHEEPHERDERS, GOAT HERDERS, OR DAIRY WORKERS.**—

“(1) **ELIGIBLE ALIEN.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligible alien’ means an alien—



“(A) having nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) based on employment as a shepherd, goat herder, or dairy worker;

“(B) who has maintained such nonimmigrant status in the United States for a cumulative total of 36 months (excluding any period of absence from the United States); and

“(C) who is seeking to receive an immigrant visa under section 203(b)(3)(A)(iii).

“(2) CLASSIFICATION PETITION.—In the case of an eligible alien, the petition under section 204 for classification under section 203(b)(3)(A)(iii) may be filed by—

“(A) the alien's employer on behalf of an eligible alien; or

“(B) the eligible alien.

“(3) NO LABOR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding section 203(b)(3)(C), no determination under section 212(a)(5)(A) is required with respect to an immigrant visa described in paragraph (1)(C) for an eligible alien.

“(4) EFFECT OF PETITION.—The filing of a petition described in paragraph (2) or an application for adjustment of status based on the approval of such a petition, shall not constitute evidence of an alien's ineligibility for nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a).

“(5) EXTENSION OF STAY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall extend the stay of an eligible alien having a pending or approved classification petition described in paragraph (2) in 1-year increments until a final determination is made on the alien's eligibility for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

“(6) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent an eligible alien from seeking adjustment of status in accordance with any other provision of law.

#### **“SEC. 218G. WORKER PROTECTIONS AND LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT.**

“(a) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—

“(1) INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS.—

“(A) AGGRIEVED PERSON OR THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINTS.—The Secretary of Labor shall establish a process for the receipt, investigation, and disposition of complaints respecting a petitioner's failure to meet a condition specified in section 218(b), or an employer's misrepresentation of material facts in an application under section 218(a). Complaints may be filed by any aggrieved person or organization (including bargaining representatives). No investigation or hearing shall be conducted on a complaint concerning such a failure or misrepresentation unless the complaint was filed not later than 12 months after the date of the failure, or misrepresentation, respectively. The Secretary of Labor shall conduct an investigation under this subparagraph if there is reasonable cause to believe that such a failure or misrepresentation has occurred.

“(B) DETERMINATION ON COMPLAINT.—Under such process, the Secretary of Labor shall provide, within 30 days after the date such a complaint is filed, for a determination as to whether or not a reasonable basis exists to make a finding described in subparagraph (C), (D), (E), or (H). If the Secretary of Labor determines that such a reasonable basis exists, the Secretary of Labor shall provide for notice of such determination to the interested parties and an opportunity for a hearing on the complaint, in accordance with section 556 of title 5, United States Code, within 60 days after the date of the determination. If such a hearing is requested, the Secretary of Labor shall make a finding concerning the matter not later than 60 days after the date of the hearing. In the case of similar complaints respecting the same ap-

plicant, the Secretary of Labor may consolidate the hearings under this subparagraph on such complaints.

“(C) FAILURES TO MEET CONDITIONS.—If the Secretary of Labor finds, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, a failure to meet a condition of paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(D), (1)(F), (2)(A), (2)(B), or (2)(G) of section 218(b), a substantial failure to meet a condition of paragraph (1)(C), (1)(E), (2)(C), (2)(D), (2)(E), or (2)(H) of section 218(b), or a material misrepresentation of fact in an application under section 218(a)—

“(i) the Secretary of Labor shall notify the Secretary of such finding and may, in addition, impose such other administrative remedies (including civil money penalties in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation) as the Secretary of Labor determines to be appropriate; and

“(ii) the Secretary may disqualify the employer from the employment of aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) for a period of 1 year.

“(D) WILLFUL FAILURES AND WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATIONS.—If the Secretary of Labor finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing, a willful failure to meet a condition of section 218(b), a willful misrepresentation of a material fact in an application under section 218(a), or a violation of subsection (d)(1)—

“(i) the Secretary of Labor shall notify the Secretary of such finding and may, in addition, impose such other administrative remedies (including civil money penalties in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per violation) as the Secretary of Labor determines to be appropriate;

“(ii) the Secretary of Labor may seek appropriate legal or equitable relief to effectuate the purposes of subsection (d)(1); and

“(iii) the Secretary may disqualify the employer from the employment of H-2A workers for a period of 2 years.

“(E) DISPLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.—If the Secretary of Labor finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing, a willful failure to meet a condition of section 218(b) or a willful misrepresentation of a material fact in an application under section 218(a), in the course of which failure or misrepresentation the employer displaced a United States worker employed by the employer during the period of employment on the employer's application under section 218(a) or during the period of 30 days preceding such period of employment—

“(i) the Secretary of Labor shall notify the Secretary of such finding and may, in addition, impose such other administrative remedies (including civil money penalties in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per violation) as the Secretary of Labor determines to be appropriate; and

“(ii) the Secretary may disqualify the employer from the employment of H-2A workers for a period of 3 years.

“(F) LIMITATIONS ON CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Labor shall not impose total civil money penalties with respect to an application under section 218(a) in excess of \$90,000.

“(G) FAILURES TO PAY WAGES OR REQUIRED BENEFITS.—If the Secretary of Labor finds, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the employer has failed to pay the wages, or provide the housing allowance, transportation, subsistence reimbursement, or guarantee of employment, required under section 218E(b), the Secretary of Labor shall assess payment of back wages, or other required benefits, due any United States worker or H-2A worker employed by the employer in the specific employment in question. The back wages or other required benefits under section 218E(b) shall be equal to the difference between the amount that should

have been paid and the amount that actually was paid to such worker.

“(2) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary of Labor to conduct any compliance investigation under any other labor law, including any law affecting migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, or, in the absence of a complaint under this section, under section 218 or 218E.

“(b) RIGHTS ENFORCEABLE BY PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—H-2A workers may enforce the following rights through the private right of action provided in subsection (c), and no other right of action shall exist under Federal or State law to enforce such rights:

“(1) The providing of housing or a housing allowance as required under section 218E(b)(1).

“(2) The reimbursement of transportation as required under section 218E(b)(2).

“(3) The payment of wages required under section 218E(b)(3) when due.

“(4) The benefits and material terms and conditions of employment expressly provided in the job offer described in section 218(a)(2), not including the assurance to comply with other Federal, State, and local labor laws described in section 218E(c), compliance with which shall be governed by the provisions of such laws.

“(5) The guarantee of employment required under section 218E(b)(4).

“(6) The motor vehicle safety requirements under section 218E(b)(5).

“(7) The prohibition of discrimination under subsection (d)(2).

“(c) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

“(1) MEDIATION.—Upon the filing of a complaint by an H-2A worker aggrieved by a violation of rights enforceable under subsection (b), and within 60 days of the filing of proof of service of the complaint, a party to the action may file a request with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to assist the parties in reaching a satisfactory resolution of all issues involving all parties to the dispute. Upon a filing of such request and giving of notice to the parties, the parties shall attempt mediation within the period specified in subparagraph (B).

“(A) MEDIATION SERVICES.—The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service shall be available to assist in resolving disputes arising under subsection (b) between H-2A workers and agricultural employers without charge to the parties.

“(B) 90-DAY LIMIT.—The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service may conduct mediation or other non-binding dispute resolution activities for a period not to exceed 90 days beginning on the date on which the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service receives the request for assistance unless the parties agree to an extension of this period of time.

“(C) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), there are authorized to be appropriated to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service \$500,000 for each fiscal year to carry out this section.

“(ii) MEDIATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is authorized to conduct the mediation or other dispute resolution activities from any other appropriated funds available to the Director and to reimburse such appropriated funds when the funds are appropriated pursuant to this authorization, such reimbursement to be credited to appropriations currently available at the time of receipt.

“(2) MAINTENANCE OF CIVIL ACTION IN DISTRICT COURT BY AGGRIEVED PERSON.—An H-2A worker aggrieved by a violation of rights enforceable under subsection (b) by an agricultural employer or other person may file suit



in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the parties, without regard to the amount in controversy, without regard to the citizenship of the parties, and without regard to the exhaustion of any alternative administrative remedies under this Act, not later than 3 years after the date the violation occurs.

“(3) ELECTION.—An H-2A worker who has filed an administrative complaint with the Secretary of Labor may not maintain a civil action under paragraph (2) unless a complaint based on the same violation filed with the Secretary of Labor under subsection (a)(1) is withdrawn before the filing of such action, in which case the rights and remedies available under this subsection shall be exclusive.

“(4) PREEMPTION OF STATE CONTRACT RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish the rights and remedies of an H-2A worker under any other Federal or State law or regulation or under any collective bargaining agreement, except that no court or administrative action shall be available under any State contract law to enforce the rights created by this Act.

“(5) WAIVER OF RIGHTS PROHIBITED.—Agreements by employees purporting to waive or modify their rights under this Act shall be void as contrary to public policy, except that a waiver or modification of the rights or obligations in favor of the Secretary of Labor shall be valid for purposes of the enforcement of this Act. The preceding sentence may not be construed to prohibit agreements to settle private disputes or litigation.

“(6) AWARD OF DAMAGES OR OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF.—

“(A) If the court finds that the respondent has intentionally violated any of the rights enforceable under subsection (b), it shall award actual damages, if any, or equitable relief.

“(B) Any civil action brought under this section shall be subject to appeal as provided in chapter 83 of title 28, United States Code.

“(7) WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BENEFITS; EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.—

“(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, where a State’s workers’ compensation law is applicable and coverage is provided for an H-2A worker, the workers’ compensation benefits shall be the exclusive remedy for the loss of such worker under this section in the case of bodily injury or death in accordance with such State’s workers’ compensation law.

“(B) The exclusive remedy prescribed in subparagraph (A) precludes the recovery under paragraph (6) of actual damages for loss from an injury or death but does not preclude other equitable relief, except that such relief shall not include back or front pay or in any manner, directly or indirectly, expand or otherwise alter or affect—

“(i) a recovery under a State workers’ compensation law; or

“(ii) rights conferred under a State workers’ compensation law.

“(8) TOLLING OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—If it is determined under a State workers’ compensation law that the workers’ compensation law is not applicable to a claim for bodily injury or death of an H-2A worker, the statute of limitations for bringing an action for actual damages for such injury or death under subsection (c) shall be tolled for the period during which the claim for such injury or death under such State workers’ compensation law was pending. The statute of limitations for an action for actual damages or other equitable relief arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the injury or death of the H-2A worker shall be tolled for the period during which the claim for such injury or death was pending under the State workers’ compensation law.

“(9) PRECLUSIVE EFFECT.—Any settlement by an H-2A worker and an H-2A employer or any person reached through the mediation process required under subsection (c)(1) shall preclude any right of action arising out of the same facts between the parties in any Federal or State court or administrative proceeding, unless specifically provided otherwise in the settlement agreement.

“(10) SETTLEMENTS.—Any settlement by the Secretary of Labor with an H-2A employer on behalf of an H-2A worker of a complaint filed with the Secretary of Labor under this section or any finding by the Secretary of Labor under subsection (a)(1)(B) shall preclude any right of action arising out of the same facts between the parties under any Federal or State court or administrative proceeding, unless specifically provided otherwise in the settlement agreement.

“(d) DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—It is a violation of this subsection for any person who has filed an application under section 218(a), to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, discharge, or in any other manner discriminate against an employee (which term, for purposes of this subsection, includes a former employee and an applicant for employment) because the employee has disclosed information to the employer, or to any other person, that the employee reasonably believes evidences a violation of section 218 or 218E or any rule or regulation pertaining to section 218 or 218E, or because the employee cooperates or seeks to cooperate in an investigation or other proceeding concerning the employer’s compliance with the requirements of section 218 or 218E or any rule or regulation pertaining to either of such sections.

“(2) DISCRIMINATION AGAINST H-2A WORKERS.—It is a violation of this subsection for any person who has filed an application under section 218(a), to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, discharge, or in any manner discriminate against an H-2A employee because such worker has, with just cause, filed a complaint with the Secretary of Labor regarding a denial of the rights enumerated and enforceable under subsection (b) or instituted, or caused to be instituted, a private right of action under subsection (c) regarding the denial of the rights enumerated under subsection (b), or has testified or is about to testify in any court proceeding brought under subsection (c).

“(e) AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK OTHER APPROPRIATE EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary shall establish a process under which an H-2A worker who files a complaint regarding a violation of subsection (d) and is otherwise eligible to remain and work in the United States may be allowed to seek other appropriate employment in the United States for a period not to exceed the maximum period of stay authorized for such nonimmigrant classification.

“(f) ROLE OF ASSOCIATIONS.—

“(1) VIOLATION BY A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION.—An employer on whose behalf an application is filed by an association acting as its agent is fully responsible for such application, and for complying with the terms and conditions of sections 218 and 218E, as though the employer had filed the application itself. If such an employer is determined, under this section, to have committed a violation, the penalty for such violation shall apply only to that member of the association unless the Secretary of Labor determines that the association or other member participated in, had knowledge, or reason to know, of the violation, in which case the penalty shall be invoked against the association or other association member as well.

“(2) VIOLATIONS BY AN ASSOCIATION ACTING AS AN EMPLOYER.—If an association filing an application as a sole or joint employer is determined to have committed a violation under this section, the penalty for such violation shall apply only to the association unless the Secretary of Labor determines that an association member or members participated in or had knowledge, or reason to know of the violation, in which case the penalty shall be invoked against the association member or members as well.

“SEC. 218H. DEFINITIONS.

“For purposes of this section, section 218, and sections 218E through 218G:

“(1) AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘agricultural employment’ means any service or activity that is considered to be agricultural under section 3(f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(f)) or agricultural labor under section 3121(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3121(g)). For purposes of this paragraph, agricultural employment includes employment under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a).

“(2) BONA FIDE UNION.—The term ‘bona fide union’ means any organization in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or other terms and conditions of work for agricultural employees. Such term does not include an organization formed, created, administered, supported, dominated, financed, or controlled by an employer or employer association or its agents or representatives.

“(3) DISPLACE.—The term ‘displace’, in the case of an application with respect to 1 or more H-2A workers by an employer, means laying off a United States worker from a job for which the H-2A worker or workers is or are sought.

“(4) ELIGIBLE.—The term ‘eligible’, when used with respect to an individual, means an individual who is not an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A).

“(5) EMPLOYER.—The term ‘employer’ means any person or entity, including any farm labor contractor and any agricultural association, that employs workers in agricultural employment.

“(6) H-2A EMPLOYER.—The term ‘H-2A employer’ means an employer who seeks to hire 1 or more nonimmigrant aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a).

“(7) H-2A WORKER.—The term ‘H-2A worker’ means a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a).

“(8) JOB OPPORTUNITY.—The term ‘job opportunity’ means a job opening for temporary full-time employment at a place in the United States to which United States workers can be referred.

“(9) LAYS OFF.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘lays off’, with respect to a worker—

“(i) means to cause the worker’s loss of employment, other than through a discharge for inadequate performance, violation of workplace rules, cause, voluntary departure, voluntary retirement, contract impossibility (as described in section 218E(b)(4)(D)), or temporary layoffs due to weather, markets, or other temporary conditions; but

“(ii) does not include any situation in which the worker is offered, as an alternative to such loss of employment, a similar employment opportunity with the same employer (or, in the case of a placement of a worker with another employer under section 218(b)(2)(E), with either employer described in such section) at equivalent or higher compensation and benefits than the position from which the employee was discharged, regardless of whether or not the employee accepts the offer.



“(B) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit an employee's rights under a collective bargaining agreement or other employment contract.

“(10) REGULATORY DROUGHT.—The term ‘regulatory drought’ means a decision subsequent to the filing of the application under section 218 by an entity not under the control of the employer making such filing which restricts the employer's access to water for irrigation purposes and reduces or limits the employer's ability to produce an agricultural commodity, thereby reducing the need for labor.

“(11) SEASONAL.—Labor is performed on a ‘seasonal’ basis if—

“(A) ordinarily, it pertains to or is of the kind exclusively performed at certain seasons or periods of the year; and

“(B) from its nature, it may not be continuous or carried on throughout the year.

“(12) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(13) TEMPORARY.—A worker is employed on a ‘temporary’ basis where the employment is intended not to exceed 10 months.

“(14) UNITED STATES WORKER.—The term ‘United States worker’ means any worker, whether a United States citizen or national, a lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, or any other alien, who is authorized to work in the job opportunity within the United States, except an alien admitted or otherwise provided status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a).”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to section 218 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 218. H-2A employer applications.”; and

(2) by inserting after the item relating to section 218D, as added by section 601 of this Act, the following:

“Sec. 218E. H-2A employment requirements.

“Sec. 218F. Procedure for admission and extension of stay of H-2A workers.

“Sec. 218G. Worker protections and labor standards enforcement.

“Sec. 218H. Definitions.”.

### CHAPTER 3—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### SEC. 616. DETERMINATION AND USE OF USER FEES.

(a) SCHEDULE OF FEES.—The Secretary shall establish and periodically adjust a schedule of fees for the employment of aliens under this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle, and a collection process for such fees from employers participating in the program provided under this subtitle. Such fees shall be the only fees chargeable to employers for services provided under this subtitle.

(b) DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The schedule under subsection (a) shall reflect a fee rate based on the number of job opportunities indicated in the employer's application under section 218 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 615 of this Act, and sufficient to provide for the direct costs of providing services related to an employer's authorization to employ eligible aliens pursuant to this subtitle, to include the certification of eligible employers, the issuance of documentation, and the admission of eligible aliens.

(2) PROCEDURE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In establishing and adjusting such a schedule, the Secretary shall comply with Federal cost accounting and fee setting standards.

(B) PUBLICATION AND COMMENT.—The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register

an initial fee schedule and associated collection process and the cost data or estimates upon which such fee schedule is based, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to which public comment shall be sought and a final rule issued.

(c) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all proceeds resulting from the payment of the alien employment user fees shall be available without further appropriation and shall remain available without fiscal year limitation to reimburse the Secretary, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Labor for the costs of carrying out sections 218 and 218F of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 615 of this Act, and the provisions of this subtitle.

#### SEC. 617. REGULATIONS.

(a) REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Agriculture on all regulations to implement the duties of the Secretary under this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

(b) REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.—The Secretary of State shall consult with the Secretary, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Agriculture on all regulations to implement the duties of the Secretary of State under this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

(c) REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary on all regulations to implement the duties of the Secretary of Labor under this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

(d) DEADLINE FOR ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—All regulations to implement the duties of the Secretary, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Labor created under sections 218, 218E, 218F, and 218G of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by section 615 of this Act, shall take effect on the effective date of section 615 and shall be issued not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 618. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Not later than September 30 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress that identifies, for the previous year—

(1) the number of job opportunities approved for employment of aliens admitted under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)), and the number of workers actually admitted, by State and by occupation;

(2) the number of such aliens reported to have abandoned employment pursuant to subsection 218F(e)(2) of such Act;

(3) the number of such aliens who departed the United States within the period specified in subsection 218F(d) of such Act;

(4) the number of aliens who applied for adjustment of status pursuant to section 613(a);

(5) the number of such aliens whose status was adjusted under section 613(a);

(6) the number of aliens who applied for permanent residence pursuant to section 613(c); and

(7) the number of such aliens who were approved for permanent residence pursuant to section 613(c).

#### SEC. 619. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided, sections 615 and 616 shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that describes the measures being taken and the progress made in implementing this subtitle.

### Subtitle C—DREAM Act

#### SEC. 621. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2006” or the “DREAM Act of 2006”.

#### SEC. 622. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given that term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(2) UNIFORMED SERVICES.—The term “uniformed services” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

#### SEC. 623. RESTORATION OF STATE OPTION TO DETERMINE RESIDENCY FOR PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1623) is repealed.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeal under subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

#### SEC. 624. CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF CERTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENTS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AS CHILDREN.

(a) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENTS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AS CHILDREN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, the Secretary may cancel removal of, and adjust to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, subject to the conditional basis described in section 625, an alien who is inadmissible or deportable from the United States, if the alien demonstrates that—

(A) the alien has been physically present in the United States for a continuous period of not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of enactment of this Act, and had not yet reached the age of 16 years at the time of initial entry;

(B) the alien has been a person of good moral character since the time of application;

(C) the alien—

(i) is not inadmissible under paragraph (2), (3), (6)(B), (6)(C), (6)(E), (6)(F), or (6)(G) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)), or, if inadmissible solely under subparagraph (C) or (F) of paragraph (6) of such subsection, the alien was under the age of 16 years at the time the violation was committed; and

(ii) is not deportable under paragraph (1)(E), (1)(G), (2), (3)(B), (3)(C), (3)(D), (4), or (6) of section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)), or, if deportable solely under subparagraphs (C) or (D) of paragraph (3) of such subsection, the alien was under the age of 16 years at the time the violation was committed;

(D) the alien, at the time of application, has been admitted to an institution of higher education in the United States, or has earned a high school diploma or obtained a general education development certificate in the United States; and

(E) the alien has never been under a final administrative or judicial order of exclusion, deportation, or removal, unless the alien has remained in the United States under color of law or received the order before attaining the age of 16 years.

(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the grounds of ineligibility under section 212(a)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and the grounds of deportability under



paragraphs (1), (3), and (6) of section 237(a) of that Act for humanitarian purposes or family unity or when it is otherwise in the public interest.

(3) **PROCEDURES.**—The Secretary shall provide a procedure by regulation allowing eligible individuals to apply affirmatively for the relief available under this subsection without being placed in removal proceedings.

(b) **TERMINATION OF CONTINUOUS PERIOD.**—For purposes of this section, any period of continuous residence or continuous physical presence in the United States of an alien who applies for cancellation of removal under this section shall not terminate when the alien is served a notice to appear under section 239(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229(a)).

(c) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BREAKS IN PRESENCE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An alien shall be considered to have failed to maintain continuous physical presence in the United States under subsection (a) if the alien has departed from the United States for any period in excess of 90 days or for any periods in the aggregate exceeding 180 days.

(2) **EXTENSIONS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**—The Secretary may extend the time periods described in paragraph (1) if the alien demonstrates that the failure to timely return to the United States was due to exceptional circumstances. The exceptional circumstances determined sufficient to justify an extension should be no less compelling than serious illness of the alien, or death or serious illness of a parent, grandparent, sibling, or child.

(d) **EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to apply a numerical limitation on the number of aliens who may be eligible for cancellation of removal or adjustment of status under this section.

(e) **REGULATIONS.**—

(1) **PROPOSED REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish proposed regulations implementing this section. Such regulations shall be effective immediately on an interim basis, but are subject to change and revision after public notice and opportunity for a period for public comment.

(2) **INTERIM, FINAL REGULATIONS.**—Within a reasonable time after publication of the interim regulations in accordance with paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish final regulations implementing this section.

(f) **REMOVAL OF ALIEN.**—The Secretary may not remove any alien who has a pending application for conditional status under this subtitle.

#### **SEC. 625. CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **CONDITIONAL BASIS FOR STATUS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided in section 626, an alien whose status has been adjusted under section 624 to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence shall be considered to have obtained such status on a conditional basis subject to the provisions of this section. Such conditional permanent resident status shall be valid for a period of 6 years, subject to termination under subsection (b).

(2) **NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS.**—

(A) **AT TIME OF OBTAINING PERMANENT RESIDENCE.**—At the time an alien obtains permanent resident status on a conditional basis under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide for notice to the alien regarding the provisions of this section and the requirements of subsection (c) to have the conditional basis of such status removed.

(B) **EFFECT OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE.**—The failure of the Secretary to provide a notice under this paragraph—

(i) shall not affect the enforcement of the provisions of this subtitle with respect to the alien; and

(ii) shall not give rise to any private right of action by the alien.

(b) **TERMINATION OF STATUS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall terminate the conditional permanent resident status of any alien who obtained such status under this subtitle, if the Secretary determines that the alien—

(A) ceases to meet the requirements of subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 624(a)(1);

(B) has become a public charge; or

(C) has received a dishonorable or other than honorable discharge from the uniformed services.

(2) **RETURN TO PREVIOUS IMMIGRATION STATUS.**—Any alien whose conditional permanent resident status is terminated under paragraph (1) shall return to the immigration status the alien had immediately prior to receiving conditional permanent resident status under this subtitle.

(c) **REQUIREMENTS OF TIMELY PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF CONDITION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In order for the conditional basis of permanent resident status obtained by an alien under subsection (a) to be removed, the alien must file with the Secretary, in accordance with paragraph (3), a petition which requests the removal of such conditional basis and which provides, under penalty of perjury, the facts and information so that the Secretary may make the determination described in paragraph (2)(A).

(2) **ADJUDICATION OF PETITION TO REMOVE CONDITION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If a petition is filed in accordance with paragraph (1) for an alien, the Secretary shall make a determination as to whether the alien meets the requirements set out in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of subsection (d)(1).

(B) **REMOVAL OF CONDITIONAL BASIS IF FAVORABLE DETERMINATION.**—If the Secretary determines that the alien meets such requirements, the Secretary shall notify the alien of such determination and immediately remove the conditional basis of the status of the alien.

(C) **TERMINATION IF ADVERSE DETERMINATION.**—If the Secretary determines that the alien does not meet such requirements, the Secretary shall notify the alien of such determination and terminate the conditional permanent resident status of the alien as of the date of the determination.

(3) **TIME TO FILE PETITION.**—An alien may petition to remove the conditional basis to lawful resident status during the period beginning 180 days before and ending 2 years after either the date that is 6 years after the date of the granting of conditional permanent resident status or any other expiration date of the conditional permanent resident status as extended by the Secretary in accordance with this subtitle. The alien shall be deemed in conditional permanent resident status in the United States during the period in which the petition is pending.

(d) **DETAILS OF PETITION.**—

(1) **CONTENTS OF PETITION.**—Each petition for an alien under subsection (c)(1) shall contain information to permit the Secretary to determine whether each of the following requirements is met:

(A) The alien has demonstrated good moral character during the entire period the alien has been a conditional permanent resident.

(B) The alien is in compliance with section 624(a)(1)(C).

(C) The alien has not abandoned the alien's residence in the United States. The Secretary shall presume that the alien has abandoned such residence if the alien is absent from the United States for more than 365 days, in the aggregate, during the period of

conditional residence, unless the alien demonstrates that alien has not abandoned the alien's residence. An alien who is absent from the United States due to active service in the uniformed services has not abandoned the alien's residence in the United States during the period of such service.

(D) The alien has completed at least 1 of the following:

(i) The alien has acquired a degree from an institution of higher education in the United States or has completed at least 2 years, in good standing, in a program for a bachelor's degree or higher degree in the United States.

(ii) The alien has served in the uniformed services for at least 2 years and, if discharged, has received an honorable discharge.

(E) The alien has provided a list of all of the secondary educational institutions that the alien attended in the United States.

(2) **HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may, in the Secretary's discretion, remove the conditional status of an alien if the alien—

(i) satisfies the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1);

(ii) demonstrates compelling circumstances for the inability to complete the requirements described in paragraph (1)(D); and

(iii) demonstrates that the alien's removal from the United States would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to the alien or the alien's spouse, parent, or child who is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(B) **EXTENSION.**—Upon a showing of good cause, the Secretary may extend the period of the conditional resident status for the purpose of completing the requirements described in paragraph (1)(D).

(e) **TREATMENT OF PERIOD FOR PURPOSES OF NATURALIZATION.**—For purposes of title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), in the case of an alien who is in the United States as a lawful permanent resident on a conditional basis under this section, the alien shall be considered to have been admitted as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence and to be in the United States as an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. However, the conditional basis must be removed before the alien may apply for naturalization.

#### **SEC. 626. RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**

If, on the date of enactment of this Act, an alien has satisfied all the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (E) of section 624(a)(1) and section 625(d)(1)(D), the Secretary may adjust the status of the alien to that of a conditional resident in accordance with section 624. The alien may petition for removal of such condition at the end of the conditional residence period in accordance with section 625(c) if the alien has met the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of section 625(d)(1) during the entire period of conditional residence.

#### **SEC. 627. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine eligibility for relief under this subtitle, except where the alien has been placed into deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings either prior to or after filing an application for relief under this subtitle, in which case the Attorney General shall have exclusive jurisdiction and shall assume all the powers and duties of the Secretary until proceedings are terminated, or if a final order of deportation, exclusion, or removal is entered the Secretary shall resume all powers and duties delegated to the Secretary under this subtitle.

(b) **STAY OF REMOVAL OF CERTAIN ALIENS ENROLLED IN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY**



SCHOOL.—The Attorney General shall stay the removal proceedings of any alien who—

(1) meets all the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (E) of section 624(a)(1);

(2) is at least 12 years of age; and

(3) is enrolled full time in a primary or secondary school.

(c) EMPLOYMENT.—An alien whose removal is stayed pursuant to subsection (b) may be engaged in employment in the United States, consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), and State and local laws governing minimum age for employment.

(d) LIFT OF STAY.—The Attorney General shall lift the stay granted pursuant to subsection (b) if the alien—

(1) is no longer enrolled in a primary or secondary school; or

(2) ceases to meet the requirements of subsection (b)(1).

#### SEC. 628. PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATION.

Whoever files an application for relief under this subtitle and willfully and knowingly falsifies, misrepresents, or conceals a material fact or makes any false or fraudulent statement or representation, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

#### SEC. 629. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.

(a) PROHIBITION.—No officer or employee of the United States may—

(1) use the information furnished by the applicant pursuant to an application filed under this subtitle to initiate removal proceedings against any persons identified in the application;

(2) make any publication whereby the information furnished by any particular individual pursuant to an application under this subtitle can be identified; or

(3) permit anyone other than an officer or employee of the United States Government or, in the case of applications filed under this subtitle with a designated entity, that designated entity, to examine applications filed under this subtitle.

(b) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—The Attorney General or the Secretary shall provide the information furnished under this section, and any other information derived from such furnished information, to—

(1) a duly recognized law enforcement entity in connection with an investigation or prosecution of an offense described in paragraph (2) or (3) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)), when such information is requested in writing by such entity; or

(2) an official coroner for purposes of affirmatively identifying a deceased individual (whether or not such individual is deceased as a result of a crime).

(c) PENALTY.—Whoever knowingly uses, publishes, or permits information to be examined in violation of this section shall be fined not more than \$10,000.

#### SEC. 630. EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS; PROHIBITION ON FEES.

Regulations promulgated under this subtitle shall provide that applications under this subtitle will be considered on an expedited basis and without a requirement for the payment by the applicant of any additional fee for such expedited processing.

#### SEC. 631. HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), with respect to assistance provided under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), an alien who ad-

justs status to that of a lawful permanent resident under this subtitle shall be eligible only for the following assistance under such title IV:

(1) Student loans under parts B, D, and E of such title IV (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq., 1087a et seq., 1087aa et seq.), subject to the requirements of such parts.

(2) Federal work-study programs under part C of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), subject to the requirements of such part.

(3) Services under such title IV (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), subject to the requirements for such services.

#### SEC. 632. GAO REPORT.

Seven years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, which sets forth—

(1) the number of aliens who were eligible for cancellation of removal and adjustment of status under section 624(a);

(2) the number of aliens who applied for adjustment of status under section 624(a);

(3) the number of aliens who were granted adjustment of status under section 624(a); and

(4) the number of aliens whose conditional permanent resident status was removed under section 625.

#### Subtitle D—Grant Programs to Assist Nonimmigrant Workers

#### SEC. 641. GRANTS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY TRAINING.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, may award grants to qualified nonprofit community organizations to educate, train, and support non-profit agencies, immigrant communities, and other interested entities regarding the provisions of this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants awarded under this section shall be used—

(A) for public education, training, technical assistance, government liaison, and all related costs (including personnel and equipment) incurred by the grantee in providing services related to this Act; and

(B) to educate, train, and support nonprofit organizations, immigrant communities, and other interested parties regarding this Act and the amendments made by this Act and on matters related to its implementation.

(2) EDUCATION.—In addition to the purposes described in paragraph (1), grants awarded under this section shall be used to—

(A) educate immigrant communities and other interested entities regarding—

(i) the individuals and organizations that can provide authorized legal representation in immigration matters under regulations prescribed by the Secretary; and

(ii) the dangers of securing legal advice and assistance from those who are not authorized to provide legal representation in immigration matters;

(B) educate interested entities regarding the requirements for obtaining nonprofit recognition and accreditation to represent immigrants under regulations prescribed by the Secretary;

(C) provide nonprofit agencies with training and technical assistance on the recognition and accreditation process; and

(D) educate nonprofit community organizations, immigrant communities, and other interested entities regarding—

(i) the process for obtaining benefits under this Act or under an amendment made by this Act; and

(ii) the availability of authorized legal representation for low-income persons who may qualify for benefits under this Act or under an amendment made by this Act.

(c) DIVERSITY.—The Assistant Attorney General shall ensure, to the extent possible, that the nonprofit community organizations receiving grants under this section serve geographically diverse locations and ethnically diverse populations who may qualify for benefits under the Act.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2009 to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 642. FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, is authorized to establish the United States Citizenship and Immigration Foundation (referred to in this subtitle as the "Foundation").

(b) PURPOSE.—The Foundation shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the functions of the Office of Citizenship of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(c) GIFTS.—

(1) TO FOUNDATION.—The Foundation may solicit, accept, and make gifts of money and other property in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) FROM FOUNDATION.—The Office of Citizenship may accept gifts from the Foundation to support the functions of the Office.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Office of Citizenship.

#### SEC. 643. CIVICS INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, to support—

(1) efforts by entities certified by the Office of Citizenship to provide civics and English as a second language courses; and

(2) other activities approved by the Secretary to promote civics and English as a second language.

(b) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—The Secretary may accept and use gifts from the Foundation for grants under this section.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 644. STRENGTHENING AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Strengthening American Citizenship Act of 2006".

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "Oath of Allegiance" means the binding oath (or affirmation) of allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, as prescribed in section 337(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (h)(1)(B).

(c) ENGLISH FLUENCY.—

(1) EDUCATION GRANTS.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Chief of the Office of Citizenship of the Department (referred to in this paragraph as the "Chief") shall establish a grant program to provide grants in an amount not to exceed \$500 to assist legal residents of the United States who declare an intent to apply for citizenship in the United States to meet the requirements under section 312 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423).

(B) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under this paragraph shall be paid directly to an accredited institution of higher education or other qualified educational institution (as determined by the Chief) for tuition,



fees, books, and other educational resources required by a course on the English language in which the legal resident is enrolled.

(C) APPLICATION.—A legal resident desiring a grant under this paragraph shall submit an application to the Chief at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Chief may reasonably require.

(D) PRIORITY.—If insufficient funds are available to award grants to all qualified applicants, the Chief shall give priority based on the financial need of the applicants.

(E) NOTICE.—The Secretary, upon relevant registration of a legal resident with the Department, shall notify such legal resident of the availability of grants under this paragraph for legal residents who declare an intent to apply for United States citizenship.

(F) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “legal resident” means a lawful permanent resident or a lawfully admitted alien who, in order to adjust status to that of a lawful permanent resident must demonstrate a knowledge of the English language or satisfactory pursuit of a course of study to acquire such knowledge of the English language.

(2) FASTER CITIZENSHIP FOR ENGLISH FLUENCY.—Section 316 (8 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) A lawful permanent resident of the United States who demonstrates English fluency, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, will satisfy the residency requirement under subsection (a) upon the completion of 4 years of continuous legal residency in the United States.”.

(3) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to—

(A) modify the English language requirements for naturalization under section 312(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)(1)); or

(B) influence the naturalization test redesign process of the Office of Citizenship (except for the requirement under subsection (h)(2)).

(d) AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program to provide financial assistance for—

(A) efforts by entities (including veterans and patriotic organizations) certified by the Office of Citizenship to promote the patriotic integration of prospective citizens into the American way of life by providing civics, history, and English as a second language courses, with a specific emphasis on attachment to principles of the Constitution of the United States, the heroes of American history (including military heroes), and the meaning of the Oath of Allegiance; and

(B) other activities approved by the Secretary to promote the patriotic integration of prospective citizens and the implementation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), including grants—

(i) to promote an understanding of the form of government and history of the United States; and

(ii) to promote an attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and the well being and happiness of the people of the United States.

(2) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—The Secretary may accept and use gifts from the United States Citizenship Foundation, if the foundation is established under subsection (e), for grants under this subsection.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(e) FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, is authorized to establish the United States Citizenship Foundation (referred to in this subsection as the “Foundation”), an organization duly incorporated in the District of Columbia, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the functions of the Office of Citizenship.

(2) DEDICATED FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 1.5 percent of the funds made available to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services from fees shall be dedicated to the functions of the Office of Citizenship, which shall include the patriotic integration of prospective citizens into—

(i) American common values and traditions, including an understanding of American history and the principles of the Constitution of the United States; and

(ii) civic traditions of the United States, including the Pledge of Allegiance, respect for the flag of the United States, and voting in public elections.

(B) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that dedicating increased funds to the Office of Citizenship should not result in an increase in fees charged by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(3) GIFTS.—

(A) TO FOUNDATION.—The Foundation may solicit, accept, and make gifts of money and other property in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(B) FROM FOUNDATION.—The Office of Citizenship may accept gifts from the Foundation to support the functions of the Office.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Office of Citizenship, including the functions described in paragraph (2)(A).

(F) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No funds appropriated to carry out a program under this subsection (d) or (e) may be used to organize individuals for the purpose of political activism or advocacy.

(g) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Office of Citizenship shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a list of the entities that have received funds from the Office of Citizenship during the reporting period under this section and the amount of funding received by each such entity;

(B) an evaluation of the extent to which grants received under this section successfully promoted an understanding of—

(i) the English language; and

(ii) American history and government, including the heroes of American history, the meaning of the Oath of Allegiance, and an attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States; and

(C) information about the number of legal residents who were able to achieve the knowledge described under paragraph (2) as a result of the grants provided under this section.

(h) OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE.—

(1) REVISION OF OATH.—Section 337 (8 U.S.C. 1448) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “under section 310(b) an oath” and all that follows through “personal moral code.” and insert-

ing “under section 310(b), the oath (or affirmation) of allegiance prescribed in subsection (e).”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(e)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the oath (or affirmation) of allegiance prescribed in this subsection is as follows: ‘I take this oath solemnly, freely, and without any mental reservation. I absolutely and entirely renounce all allegiance to any foreign state or power of which I have been a subject or citizen. My fidelity and allegiance from this day forward are to the United States of America. I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and will support and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I will bear arms, or perform noncombatant military or civilian service, on behalf of the United States when required by law. This I do solemnly swear, so help me God.’

“(2) If a person, by reason of religious training and belief (or individual interpretation thereof) or for other reasons of good conscience, cannot take the oath prescribed in paragraph (1)—

“(A) with the term ‘oath’ included, the term ‘affirmation’ shall be substituted for the term ‘oath’; and

“(B) with the phrase ‘so help me God’ included, the phrase ‘so help me God’ shall be omitted.

“(3) If a person shows by clear and convincing evidence to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that such person, by reason of religious training and belief, cannot take the oath prescribed in paragraph (1)—

“(A) because such person is opposed to the bearing of arms in the Armed Forces of the United States, the words ‘bear arms, or’ shall be omitted; and

“(B) because such person is opposed to any type of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the words ‘bear arms, or’ and ‘noncombatant military or’ shall be omitted.

“(4) As used in this subsection, the term ‘religious training and belief’—

“(A) means a belief of an individual in relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation; and

“(B) does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views or a merely personal moral code.

“(5) Any reference in this title to ‘oath’ or ‘oath of allegiance’ under this section shall be deemed to refer to the oath (or affirmation) of allegiance prescribed under this subsection.”.

(2) HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT TEST.—The Secretary shall incorporate a knowledge and understanding of the meaning of the Oath of Allegiance into the history and government test given to applicants for citizenship.

(3) NOTICE TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES.—Upon the naturalization of a new citizen, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, shall notify the embassy of the country of which the new citizen was a citizen or subject that such citizen has—

(A) renounced allegiance to that foreign country; and

(B) sworn allegiance to the United States.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date that is 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(i) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CITIZENS AWARD PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a new citizens award program to recognize citizens who—

(A) have made an outstanding contribution to the United States; and

(B) were naturalized during the 10-year period ending on the date of such recognition.

(2) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to present a medal, in recognition of



outstanding contributions to the United States, to citizens described in paragraph (1).

(B) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AWARDS.—Not more than 10 citizens may receive a medal under this subsection in any calendar year.

(3) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the President.

(4) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursuant to this subsection are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

(j) NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the National Park Service, the Archivist of the United States, and other appropriate Federal officials, shall develop and implement a strategy to enhance the public awareness of naturalization ceremonies.

(2) VENUES.—In developing the strategy under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the use of outstanding and historic locations as venues for select naturalization ceremonies.

(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall submit an annual report to Congress that includes—

(A) the content of the strategy developed under this subsection; and

(B) the progress made towards the implementation of such strategy.

**SA 3425.** Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3424 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the instructions, add the following amendment:

This section shall become effective one (1) day after the date of enactment.

**SA 3426.** Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3425 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the amendment SA 3424, proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike “one (1) day” and insert “two days”.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following nominations pending before the Committee: Richard Capka to be Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; James Gulliford to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA; and William Wehrum to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen

Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Mr. W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on U.S.-India Atomic Energy Cooperation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled, “The Future of Port Security: The GreenLane Maritime Cargo Security Act.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on The Problem of Methamphetamine in Indian Country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 5, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the Future Years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on European Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Islamist Extremism in Europe.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding “Federal Funding of Museums.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPACTS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., on The Current and Future Role of Science in the Asia Pacific Partnership.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearings is to review the 2005 Wildfire Season and the Federal Management Agencies' preparations for the 2006 Wildfire Season.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 5, 2006 at 3 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on improving contractor incentives in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator SARBANES and myself, I call up a resolution which is at the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 425) to commend the University of Maryland women's basketball